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Dusk Maiden of Amnesia

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Yuuko has completely disappeared after coming to terms with her past...
SIGN: GENERAL HOSPITAL
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Niiya Teiichi
I SEE...
YOU SAW HER PAST.
I HEARD ABOUT EVERYTHING
FROM GRANDMA AS WELL.

YUUKO -SAN...
NO LONGER HAD ANY REASON TO REMAIN BOUND TO THIS WORLD.
I GUESS THIS MEANS
THAT GRANDMA WON'T SEE YUUKO'S SHADOW ANYMORE EITHER.
EVERYTHING SOMEHOW WORKED OUT IN THE END.

NIIYA-SAN!!
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SORRY I'M LATE! I HAD TO STOP BY AT HOME TO PICK UP SOME THINGS.
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OKONOGI-SAN... WE'RE IN A HOSPITAL, SO PLEASE TRY TO KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN...
HOW ARE YOU DOING?
I'M FINE. IT'S NOT REALLY THAT MUCH OF A BIG DEAL...
I WAS SO SURPRISED
WHEN THEY SAID YOU WERE OVERWORKED, MALNOURISHED AND LACKING SLEEP!!
HERE YOU GO!
SOME SNACKS TO HELP YOU GET BETTER!!
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WELL...
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD!!
HAHA HA...
WE DID HAVE ALL THAT GOING ON AS WELL.
YEAH...
LOSING THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WAS HARD ON ME TOO.
I HADN'T EVEN CLEANED OUT THE CLUBROOM YET.
.....
BUT BUT!!
I DID MAKE SURE WE GOT A NEW CLUBROOM!
WHICH JUST HAPPENS TO BE NEXT TO THE THIRD NEWSPAPER CLUB!!
I EVEN PUT IN OUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES
WITH-OUT YOU!!

THE PARA-NORMAL INVESTIGA-TIONS CLUB, HUH...?
I-I SEE...
COULD IT BE...? YOU ALREADY KNEW ALL THIS!?
AH... NO, I DIDN'T...
...?
AH... YEAH!
SORRY I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
COME ON.
NIIYA'S STILL A BIT TIRED SO GIVE HIM A BREAK!

PLEASE GET WELL SOON, NIIYA-SAN!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT TRIMESTER OF SCHOOL!
GET WELL SOON.

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EVEN IF YOU REACH OUT TOWARD THE EVENING SKY...

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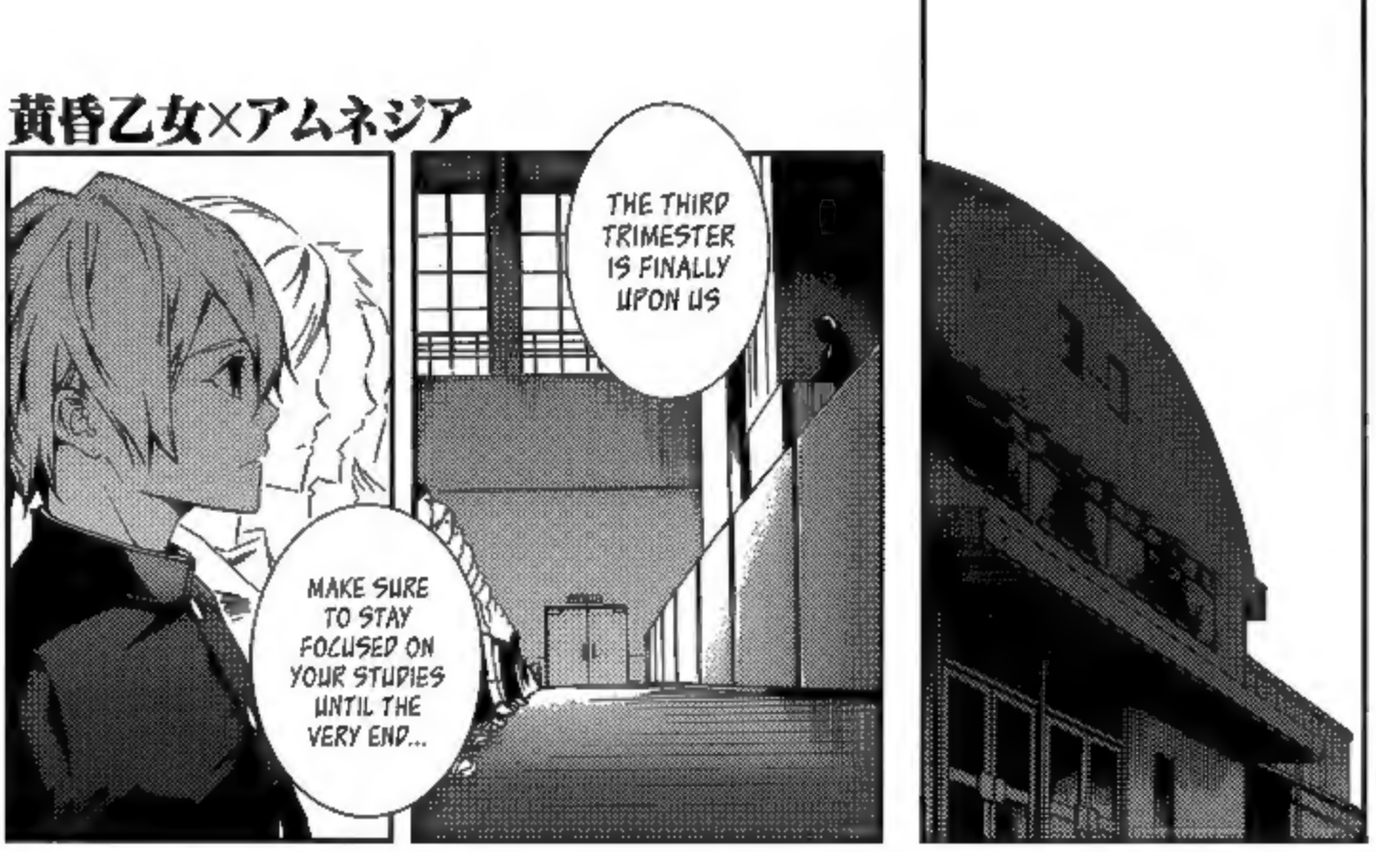
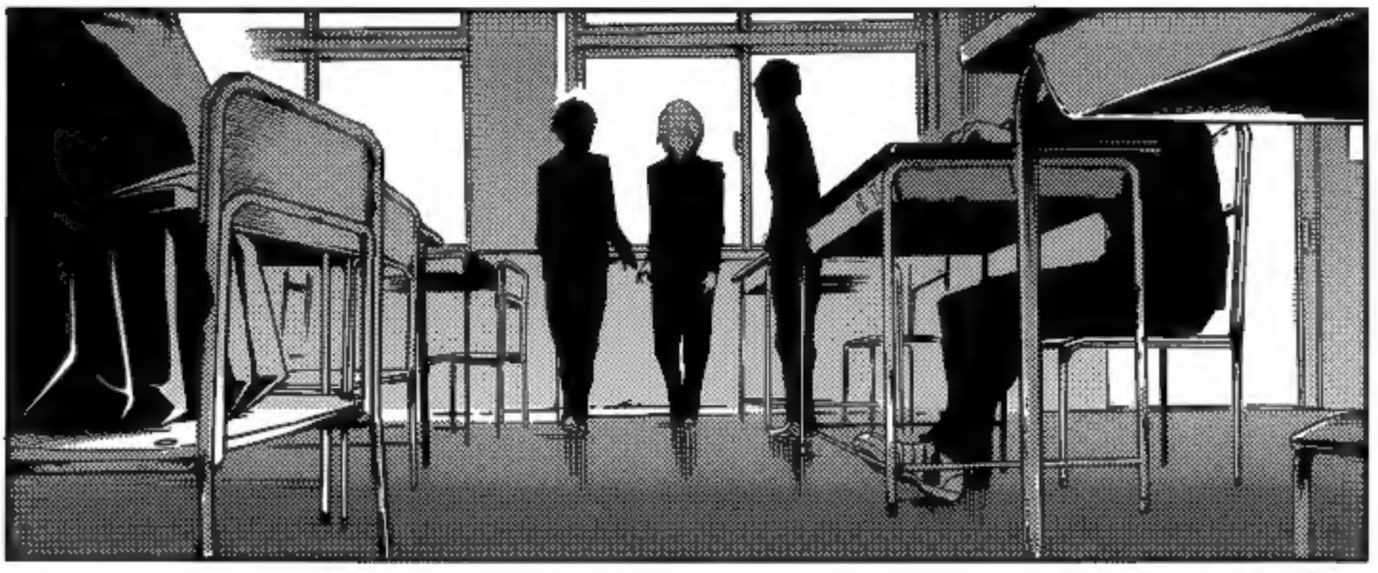

THE THIRD TRIMESTER IS FINALLY UPON US
MAKE SURE TO STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR STUDIES UNTIL THE VERY END...



I'VE HAD THIS FEELING BEFORE...

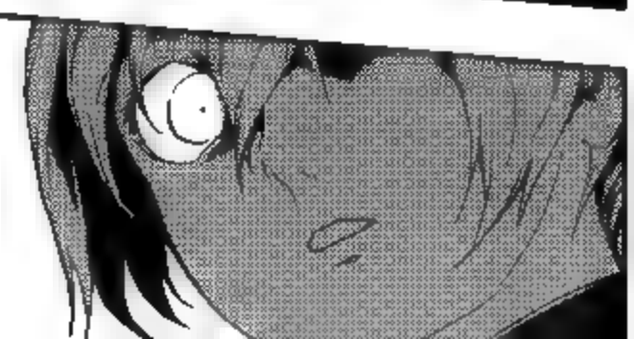
YUUKO-SAN USED TO ALWAYS
JUST SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT.

BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT THIS TIME...
BECAUSE NOW SHE WILL NEVER...

HER PAIN... IS ALL GONE.
ISN'T THAT GOOD?
YUUKO-SAN NO LONGER HELD HER GRUDGE, AND THEREFORE DISAPPEARED.

THE DEAD CAN'T ASK ANY MORE THAN THAT.

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT BELONGING TO THIS SIDE OF THE WORLD... NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY.



BUT THAT WISH OF MINE... WAS A WARPED ONE.

THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO GRAB HER HAND.

THERE WAS NO GOOD WAY FOR US TO BE TOGETHER... I KNEW THAT.

I STILL CAN'T DEAL WITH THE LONELINESS...
BUT...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO NOW...
YUUKO... SAN...

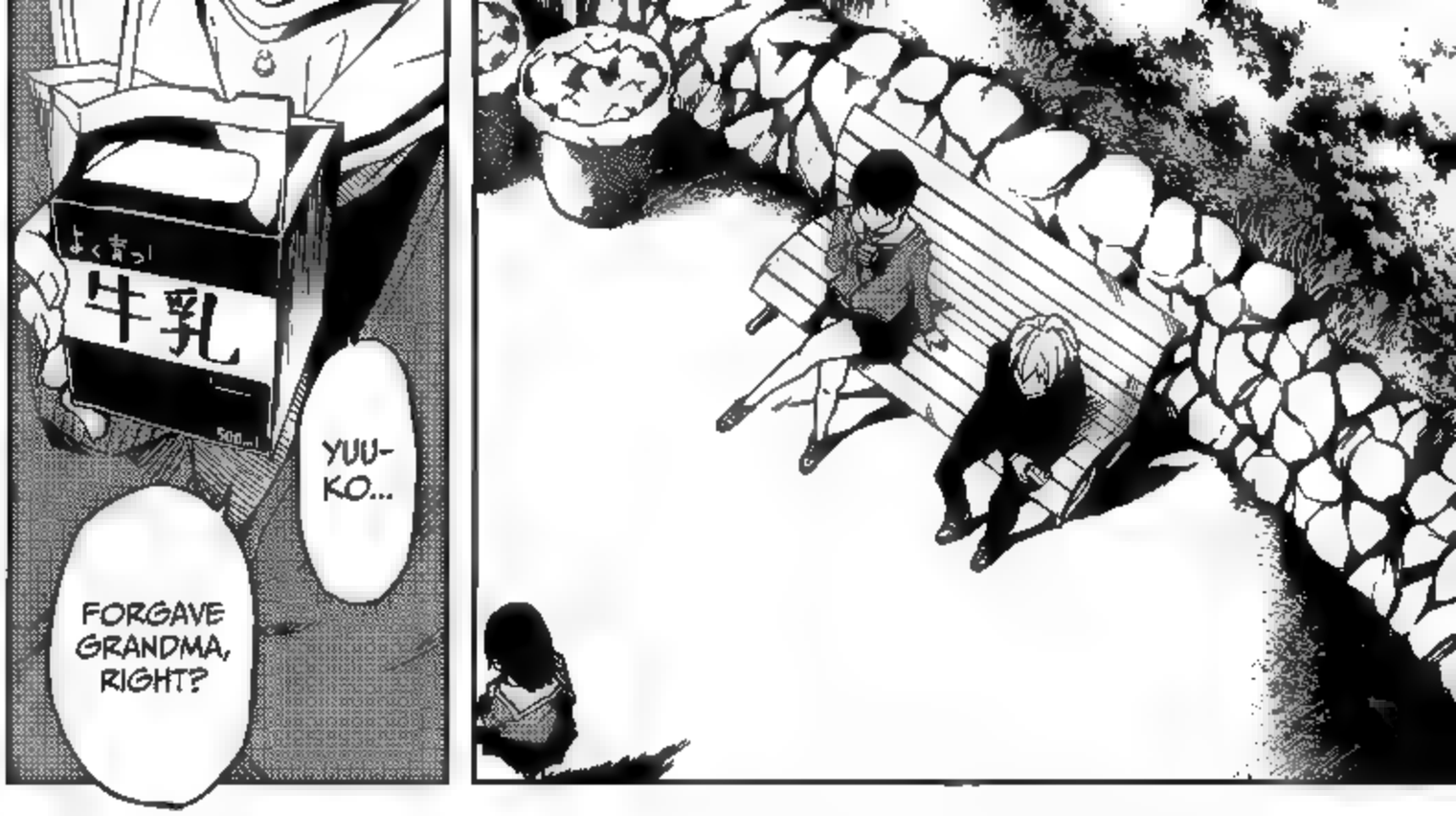
IT'S JUST YOU, KIRIE...

AH...
GRAND-MA?

I KNOW SHE'S NO LONGER HERE... BUT I STILL...

BUT NOTHING IS OVER YET...

HEY NIIYA!
KIRIE -SAN...
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?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YUU-KO...
FORGAVE GRANDMA, RIGHT?

YES.
THAT'S WHY SHE'S NO LONGER HERE.

SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T SEE THE EVIL SPIRIT ANYMORE
BUT
BUT IN REALITY... GRANDMA IS STILL SUFFERING.
SHE BELIEVES THAT YUUKO DISAPPEARED BECAUSE HER BODY WAS FINALLY PUT TO REST, NOT BECAUSE THE GRUDGE WAS CLEARED.

TO GRANDMA, YUUKO IS STILL THAT PITCH DARK SHADOW THAT HAUNTS HER...
GRANDMA?
IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PUNISHMENT FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE?
DO YOU THINK THIS WAS WHAT YUUKO WISHED FOR...? FOR GRANDMA'S 60 YEARS OF REPENTANCE TO END IN THIS?
I...
.....

THAT YUUKO-SAN WAS ABLE TO FORGIVE HER?
BUT WASN'T YUKARIKO-SAN PART OF THE REASON
EH...?
YUUKO-SAN SAID THAT AFTER SHE DISCARDED HER MEMORIES AND FORGOT EVERYTHING
SHE SHOULD HAVE JUST BECOME AN EMPTY EXISTENCE.
BUT WHEN I FIRST MET HER, THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT SHE KNEW OF HERSELF AS YUUKO-SAN.

SHE KNEW THAT SHE WAS THE GHOST OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

BECAUSE SHE HAD PIECED TOGETHER THE GHOST STORIES THAT SOMEONE HAD SPREAD AROUND THE SCHOOL.

"TO BE SEEN AS PEOPLE WANT TO SEE HER"

YUUKO-SAN PROBABLY ONLY MANAGED TO STAY AS HERSELF BECAUSE PEOPLE SAW HER AS PART OF THE SCHOOL'S GHOST STORIES.

SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT KNEW THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED AFTER ALL...
AND THE ONE WHO SPREAD THOSE STORIES WAS PROBABLY YUKARIKO-SAN.
...!

THE STORIES YUKARIKO -SAN HAD SPREAD
I DON'T KNOW IF SHE WAS TRYING TO
ATONE FOR HER SINS OR ESCAPE FROM THE PAIN.
MADE YUUKO-SAN INTO WHAT SHE BECAME.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY SHE DID IT. I STILL BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE REASON WHY YUUKO-SAN WAS SAVED...

I SEE...
THANK YOU.

I'LL PASS ON
YOUR THOUGHTS TO MY GRANDMA.

?
AH... HANG ON.
HERE...
THAT'S...
THIS IS
SOMETHING YUKARIKO-SAN SHOULD HAVE.

I'LL HAVE TO
CLEAN UP THIS ROOM AS WELL...
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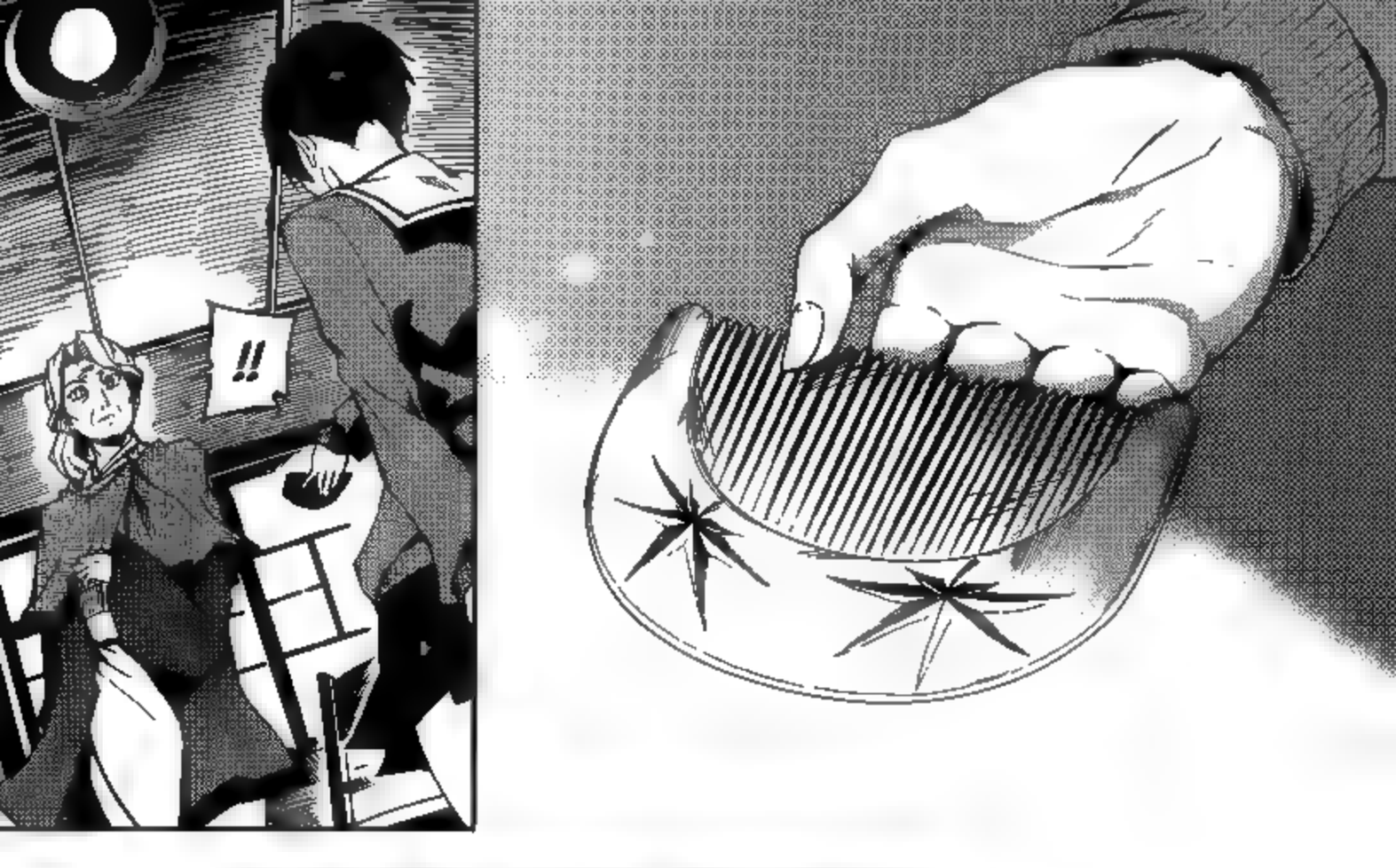
KIRIE ...?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WHY DO YOU
HAVE THAT...?

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I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE THAT.
BECAUSE I BETRAYED YUUKO
AND SHE STILL CONTINUES TO HATE ME FOR IT.

THEN WHY
DO YOU THINK SHE DIDN'T KILL YOU?
!

THAT WAS BE-- CAUSE...
SHE WANTED ME TO LIVE ON IN SUFFERING...

YOU'RE WRONG.
IT WAS BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T KILL YOU.
THINK BACK TO
WHEN SHE WAS HELPING YOU COMB YOUR HAIR
SHE TOLD YOU SHE WOULD PROTECT YOU, DIDN'T SHE?
THAT THOUGHT WAS SO STRONG THAT IT REMAINED
EVEN WHEN SHE WAS FILLED WITH HATE...
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS THE YUUKO YOU ONCE KNEW!?
WAS SHE SOMEONE WHO WOULD LET HER SISTER LIVE JUST TO SEE HER SUFFER!?
OR...

THEN... WHY DID YUUKO ALWAYS APPEAR IN THAT FORM BEFORE ME?
I ALWAYS...
THE REASON YOU SAW YUUKO LIKE THAT WAS BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN FEELINGS.
YOUR EYES, DARKENED WITH REGRET
COULD SEE NOTHING OTHER THAN YUUKO'S HATE AND DARKNESS.
YUUKO IS GONE NOW...
NOT BECAUSE THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING IS GONE

BUT BECAUSE SHE HAS FORGIVEN YOU!
SHE WAS ALWAYS WATCHING YOU!
...!

THE HEARTS OF THE DEAD DID CHANGE.
WHAT DIDN'T CHANGE, WAS THE HEARTS OF THE LIVING.
GRANDMA
YUU-KO...

SHE WAS AT PEACE.
NO LONGER HAD ANY LINGERING REGRET OR HATE.

SISTER...
GRANDMA...
LET'S TALK ABOUT YUUKO.
THERE'S LOTS OF THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT HER.
After 60 years, the sisters' hearts finally reach out to each other.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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SEARCHING
AND HOPING
TO ONE DAY SEE
HER AGAIN...
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Who's approaching the paranormal investigations club even though Yuuko is gone!?

OKAY...
HELLO-OOOOO!!!
HELLO, OKONOGI-SAN.
How's the new clubroom going? Are you used to everything yet?
Do you think it's time for us to do some paranormal investigations yet?

HUH?
SO YOU WERE COMING HERE FOR A SCOOP?
MIHARA -KUN...!
HI, NIIYA -SAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT THOUGH.
WE SHOULD START ACTIVITIES AGAIN...

YEAH.
I LEFT THE OLD ONE IN THE OLD CLUBROOM...
OH! YOU GOT A NEW NOTEBOOK AS WELL!!
Paranormal Investigation Notes
.....
OH... YOU DID...?
...!
But it's alright! I've always got my notebook, so all our intel on the new rumors is safe and sound!!

"THE SHINING RUNNER"
"THE MYSTERIOUS SOUNDS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM"
"THE GREEN OLD WOMAN THAT STANDS ■ THE HALLWAY"...

WELL, I GUESS IT'S GOOD THAT WE'VE LEFT THE CLUBROOM FOR A CHANGE...
BUT THESE STORIES ALL SOUND WAY TOO SILLY TO BE TRUE.
HUH, REALLY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, NIIYA-SAN!?
Are you feeling excited?
HMM....
.....
ALSO...

EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE WAS ALL WORKED UP ABOUT YUUKO-SAN EARLIER IN THE YEAR
AND THERE WERE EVEN FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS OF PEOPLE SEEING HER...
IT'S STRANGE THAT NOBODY REALLY TALKS ABOUT HER NOW THAT THIRD TERM HAS STARTED...

YEAH...
IT CERTAINLY SEEMS THAT WAY.

AH!
WHAT ABOUT
THAT STORY?
"THE CLASSROOM OF THE DEAD"
THERE'S JUST SOME-THING
ABOUT THIS RUMOR THAT BUGS ME...

THE CLASSROOM OF THE DEAD

THE RUMORS SAY THAT IT'S THE SECOND CLASSROOM FROM THE END OF THE LONGEST CORRIDOR ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, AND THAT IT ONLY APPEARS ON CERTAIN DAYS...

THE STORY GOES THAT THE SOULS OF DEAD STUDENTS GATHER, AND SIT IN THEIR ROWS TO ATTEND CLASS.

AND IF A LIVING SOUL HAPPENS TO CHANCE UPON THAT ROOM, THE GHOSTS WILL DRAG THEM IN, NEVER TO LEAVE AGAIN...

A ROOM WHERE GHOSTS GATHER, HUH...?

NIIYA ...?

OH!?

ARE YOU INTE-RESTED?

YOU'RE INTE-RESTED, AREN'T YOU!?

LET'S GET GOING THEN!!
THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB IS BACK!!
!
YEAH!!
!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
?

THAT EVERYTHING'S BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE.
I WAS JUST THINKING

NO, IT'S NO-THING..

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THE FOUR OF US ARE WHAT REALLY MAKE UP THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE'VE GOT A NEW CLUBROOM, BUT

ME TOO!!?
WHAT...!?

THEN... WHO'S THIS FOURTH PERSON!?
YOU SURPRISED ME THERE...
NO, NOT YOU.

THAT
OUR FOURTH
MEMBER...
NO LONGER
EXISTS.

THIS IS THE LONGEST CORRIDOR ON THE FOURTH FLOOR IN THIS SCHOOL!
THIS ■ WHERE THE "CLASSROOM OF THE DEAD" IS!
SO LONG...
YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE END...
AH... WAIT! NIIYA -SAN!!?
W-WAIT! MY BODY ISN'T READY YET...!!
THEN LET'S START FROM THIS END...
ALL THE RUMORS SAY IT'S THE SECOND ONE... BUT NOT FROM WHICH END...
I-IS IT FAR AWAY!? OR IS IT CLOSE!??

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HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT!?
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH ME!?
AH...

I'M SORRY!!
HUH...?
YOU WERE TOTALLY WRONG!!
NIIYA-SAN SEEMED SO SURE, SO I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE THE ONE...
BUT DIDN'T YOU THINK THOSE TWO WERE KIND OF SUSPICIOUS ANYWAY?
WHY... DID I STARE AT HER LIKE THAT?
HAHA... THAT MADE ME KIND OF NERVOUS... DID I SCARE YOU GUYS?
SO EVEN YOU GET NERVOUS, NIIYA-SAN!
YOU'RE JUST TOO LAID BACK!
!?
IF THAT WASN'T THE ONE, THEN THAT MEAN'S IT'S THE ONE DOWN THE OTHER END...
I DON'T THINK THERE'LL BE ANYTHING THERE ANYWAY...

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HMPH... IT'LL OBVIOUSLY BE QUIET IF NO ONE'S HERE.
THIS COULD BE THE REAL DEAL...
D-DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGELY QUIET HERE?

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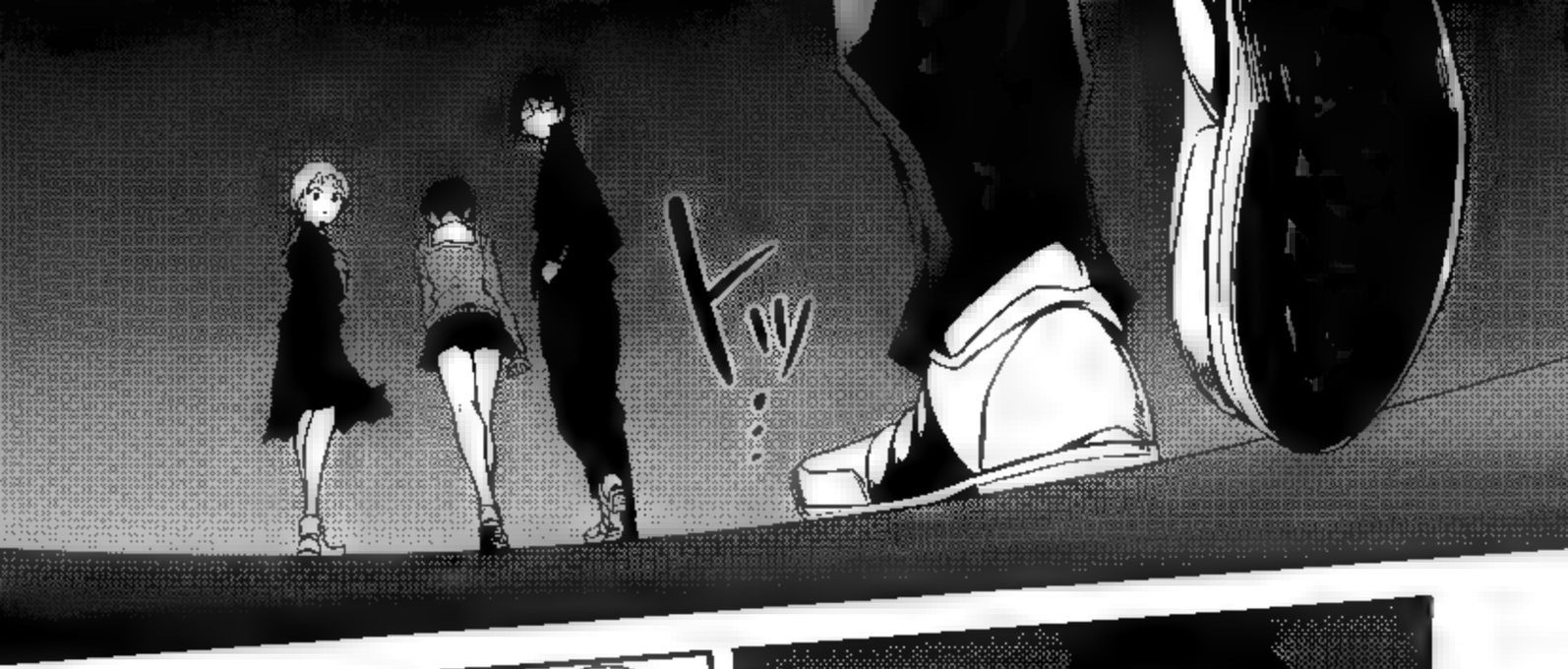
IS IN THE CLASSROOM OF THE DEAD...!
BUT APPA-RENTLY YUUKO -SAN

IT FEELS LIKE... SOMETHING IS WRONG.



I HAVE TO PROVE...
NIIYA -SAN?
I HAVE TO GO SEE WITH MY OWN EYES...

NO LONGER HERE IN THIS WORLD.
THAT SHE'S

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THIS...
THIS IS..!?

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NIIYA -SAN!

HEY, MIHARA!!
SUPPLE-MENTARY CLASSES STARTED AGES AGO! WHERE WERE YOU!?
AH... I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
AH... I SEE! ALL THE STUDENTS IN THIS CLASS HAVE FACES AS WHITE AS DEATH... ALMOST AS IF THEY'VE SEEN A GHOST!
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THIS SUPPLEMENTARY CLASS IS THE TRUE FORM OF THE CLASSROOM OF DEATH!!!
I FORGOT THAT I HAD TO COME TO SUPPLEMENTARY CLASSES BECAUSE I DIDN'T DO MY ASSIGNMENTS OVER THE WINTER HOLIDAYS...
THAT'S WHY THIS RUMOR BUGGED ME SO MUCH!

HA HAHA HAHA
HAHA!
HAHA HA...
MIHARA-KUN HAD IT TOUGH WITH THE WAY THINGS TURNED OUT BACK THERE!
SERIOUSLY... I THOUGHT WE MIGHT'VE BEEN ONTO SOMETHING TOO!

YOU DID YOUR HOMEWORK PROPERLY THIS TIME, HUH?
UNLIKE LAST BREAK.
BACK THEN, YUUKO-SAN WAS...
OF COURSE I DID!
YOU CAN SEE HER, CAN'T YOU NIIYA-SAN?
OH YEAH, HOW'S YUUKO-SAN DOING LATELY?

I USED TO BE ABLE TO SEE HER...
BUT SHE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE...

EH...?

THEN THAT RUMOR BACK THEN WAS TRUE!?
THAT SHE WAS THE GHOST OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING...
SO SHE DISAPPEARED WHEN THE BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED!!?
.....

I SEE...
YOU CAN'T SEE HER ANYMORE...
THAT'S RIGHT... YUUKO-SAN DISAPPEARED.
!!
I'M
REALLY SORRY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
BE-CAUSE
SHE WAS FREED FROM
ALL HER GRUDGES AND REGRETS
AND LEFT PEACEFULLY.

I'M SURE
THAT FROM NOW ON
THE STORIES ABOUT HER WILL GRADUALLY BE FORGOTTEN.

BUT... IT SEEMS
KIND OF SAD AS WELL...

EVEN THE SCARY STORIES AND THE DODGY STORIES WILL DISAPPEAR
AND THE SCHOOL WILL BE A LITTLE BIT MORE PEACEFUL...
ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?

NIIYA-SAN?
TO BE CONTINUED...

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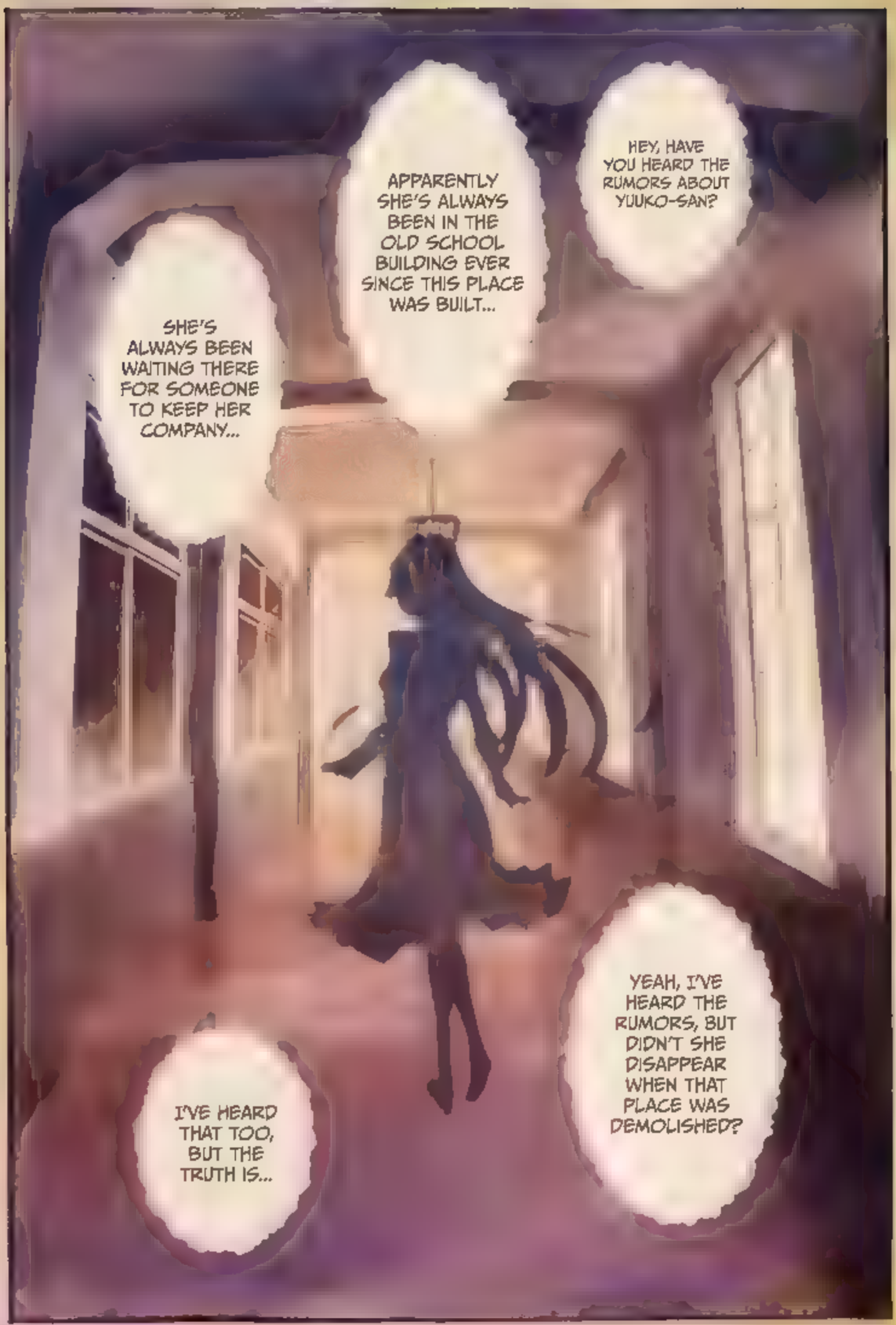
HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT YUUKO-SAN?
APPARENTLY SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING EVER SINCE THIS PLACE WAS BUILT...
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN WAITING THERE FOR SOMEONE TO KEEP HER COMPANY...
YEAH, I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT DIDN'T SHE DISAPPEAR WHEN THAT PLACE WAS DEMOLISHED?
I'VE HEARD THAT TOO, BUT THE TRUTH IS...

◆ THE SCHOOL STILL BUZZ■ WITH RUMO■ ABOUT THE DISAPPEARED YUUKO, THE POPULAR SCHOOL GHOST STORY REACH■ ITS CLIMAX WITH COLOR PAGES!!

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with the school's ghost stories...

We've fallen in love

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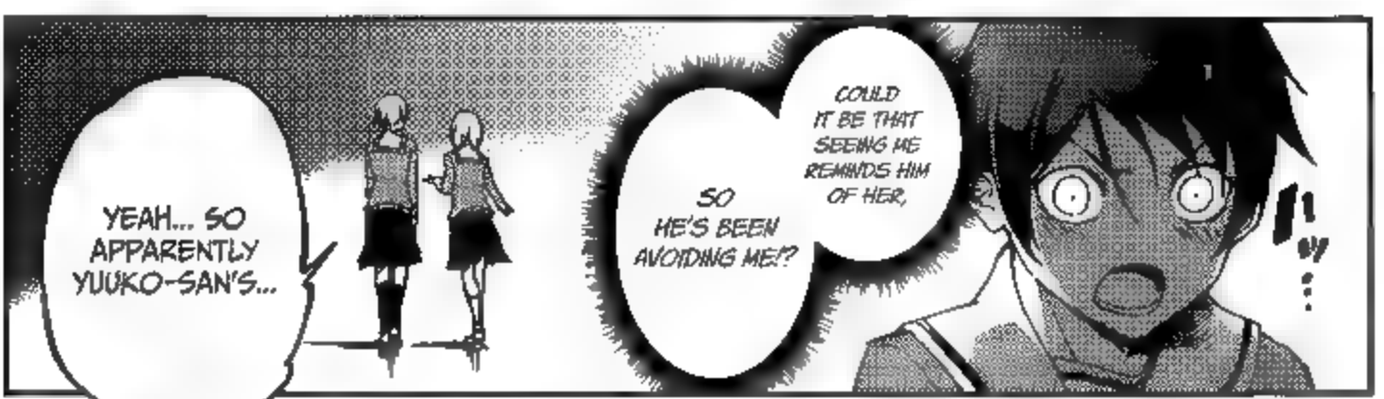
WHERE'S HE GONE OFF WANDERING NOW...?
HE'S BEEN SO UNSOCIABLE LATELY...

NIIYA -SAN?
.....
I THINK THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK FROM THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR A BIT.
EH... WHY?
THERE'S SOME-THING
THAT I WANT TO DO BY MYSELF FOR A BIT.

YUUKO ONLY DISAPPEARED ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO...
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
I GUESS HE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT HER THAT SOON.


YEAH... SO APPARENTLY YUUKO-SAN'S...
SO HE'S BEEN AVOIDING ME!?
COULD IT BE THAT SEEING ME REMINDS HIM OF HER,
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WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT HER NOW?
RUMORS ABOUT YUUKO AGAIN...?

!?

THAT'S BECAUSE ...
YUUKO-SAN REALLY EXISTS!!!
HIIII!?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE NEW RUMORS?
NEW... RUMORS!?
D-DIDN'T SHE DISAPPEAR WHEN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WAS DESTROYED?
ISN'T THAT WHAT EVERYONE WAS SAYING!?
NI...
NISHI-ZAWA!?

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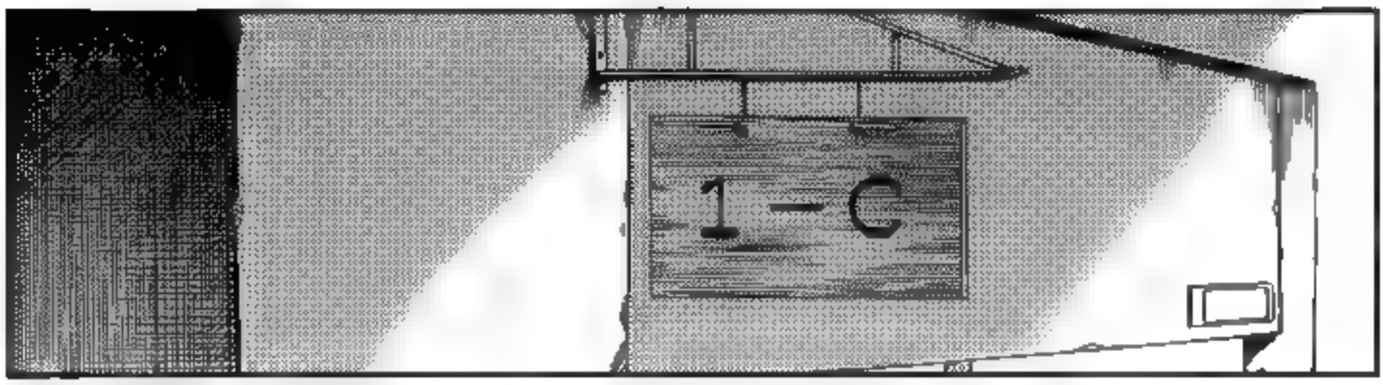
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT HER AGAIN NOW.
YEAH.
すすすすす
APPARENTLY, THE SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES
WILL REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT YUUKO-SAN!!
すすすす
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON!!?
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT...
Watch out, or I'll give you a kiss!
Knock it off...

Sign: Infirmary

IF YOU TURN AROUND ■ FRONT OF THAT MIRROR, THERE'LL BE A GIRL THERE...
YEAH. THE STORY SAYS THAT

AH... SORRY TEACH, I FORGOT YOU WERE BAD WITH SCARY STORIES.
THEN I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR NOW...
N-NO! FINISH THE STORY!!
Y-YOU TWO... WHAT'S WITH THE SCARY STORIES!?
HMMM~? WEREN'T YOU SCARED THOUGH?
I'M SCARED, BUT...
HEARING ONLY HALF THE STORY IS EVEN MORE SCARY...
A-AND IT'S A STORY ABOUT YUUKO-SAN, RIGHT?
THOSE WERE AROUND WHEN I WAS A STUDENT HERE TOO!
IT WON'T BE AS SCARY IF IT'S A STORY I ALREADY KNOW...
SO...
...WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT?
SO YOU ARE INTERESTED, AREN'T YOU?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HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD THAT STORY ABOUT YUUKO-SAN?
DIDN'T SHE DISAPPEAR WHEN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WAS KNOCKED DOWN?
THE TRUTH IS...

YUUKO-SAN HASN'T DISAPPEARED.
HEY...

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PRETTY CREEPY STORY FOR PEOPLE LIKE US WHO'VE ACTUALLY SEEN A REAL GHOST BEFORE, AIN'T IT?
I'M GLAD I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SINCE THEN, THAT ONE TIME WAS PLENTY FOR ME.

BUT... THAT WAS A SCARY GHOST...
YUUKO-SAN DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A SCARY GHOST.
THE RUMORS YOU HEAR NOWADAYS AREN'T REALLY SCARY EITHER...

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
BY THE WAY...
WHO DID YOU HEAR THE RUMORS FROM?

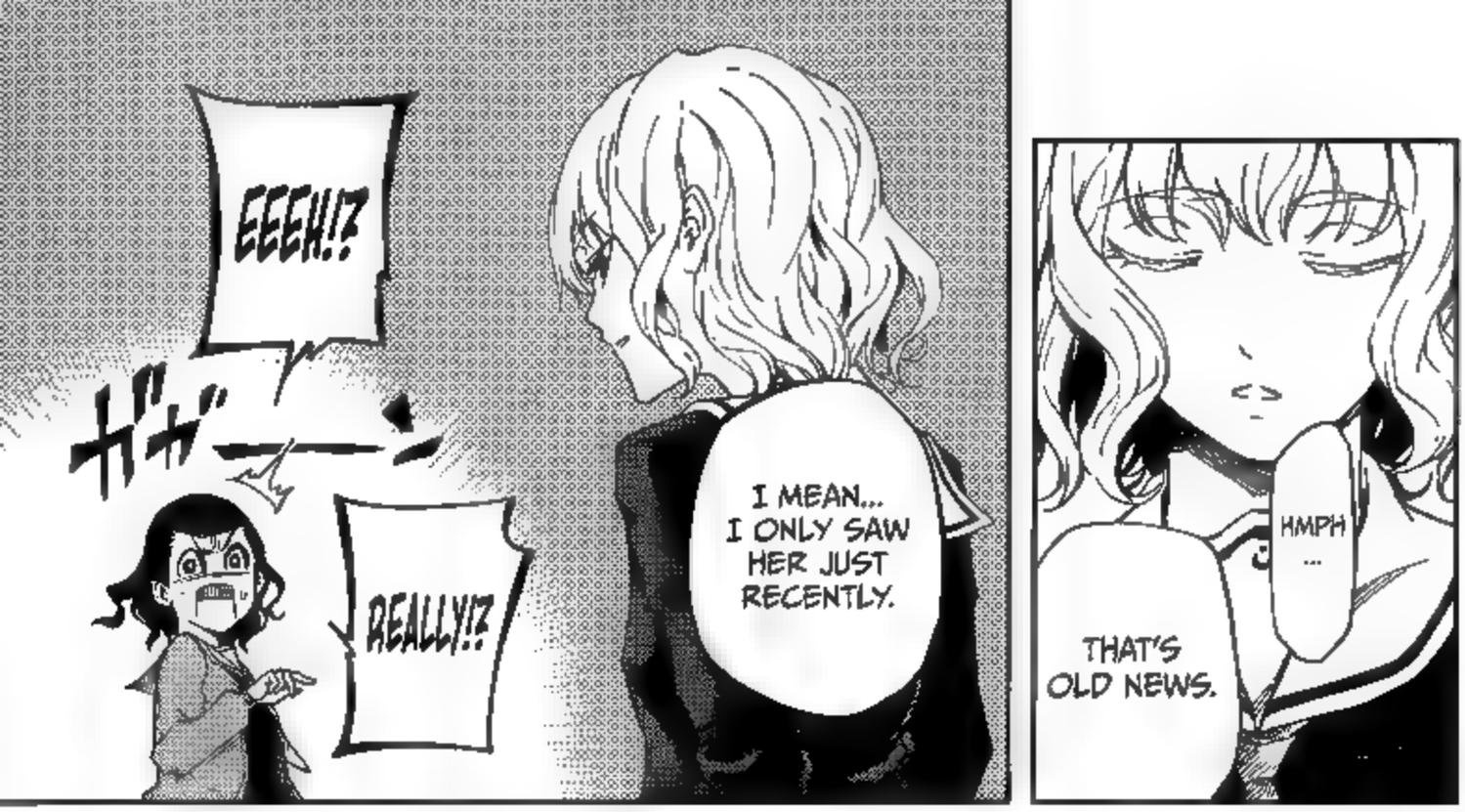
NAO
-SENPAI!!

SHE WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YUUKO-SAN WILL TAKE YOU TO THE OTHER WORLD IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE TO THE SIX YEAR SAKURA!
HUH
YUUKO-SAN ISN'T SCARY AT ALL.
I'M SO SCARED...
REALLY...?
BUT RECENTLY THE STORIES SAY THAT SHE'S BACK...
SHE'S COME BACK, HUH?
I SEE...

APPARENTLY SHE'S COME BACK!
WHO HAS?

YUUKO -SAN...

AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT?
HUH...? YOU SEEMED A LITTLE DOWN AFTER YOU HEARD THAT SHE WAS GONE THOUGH...



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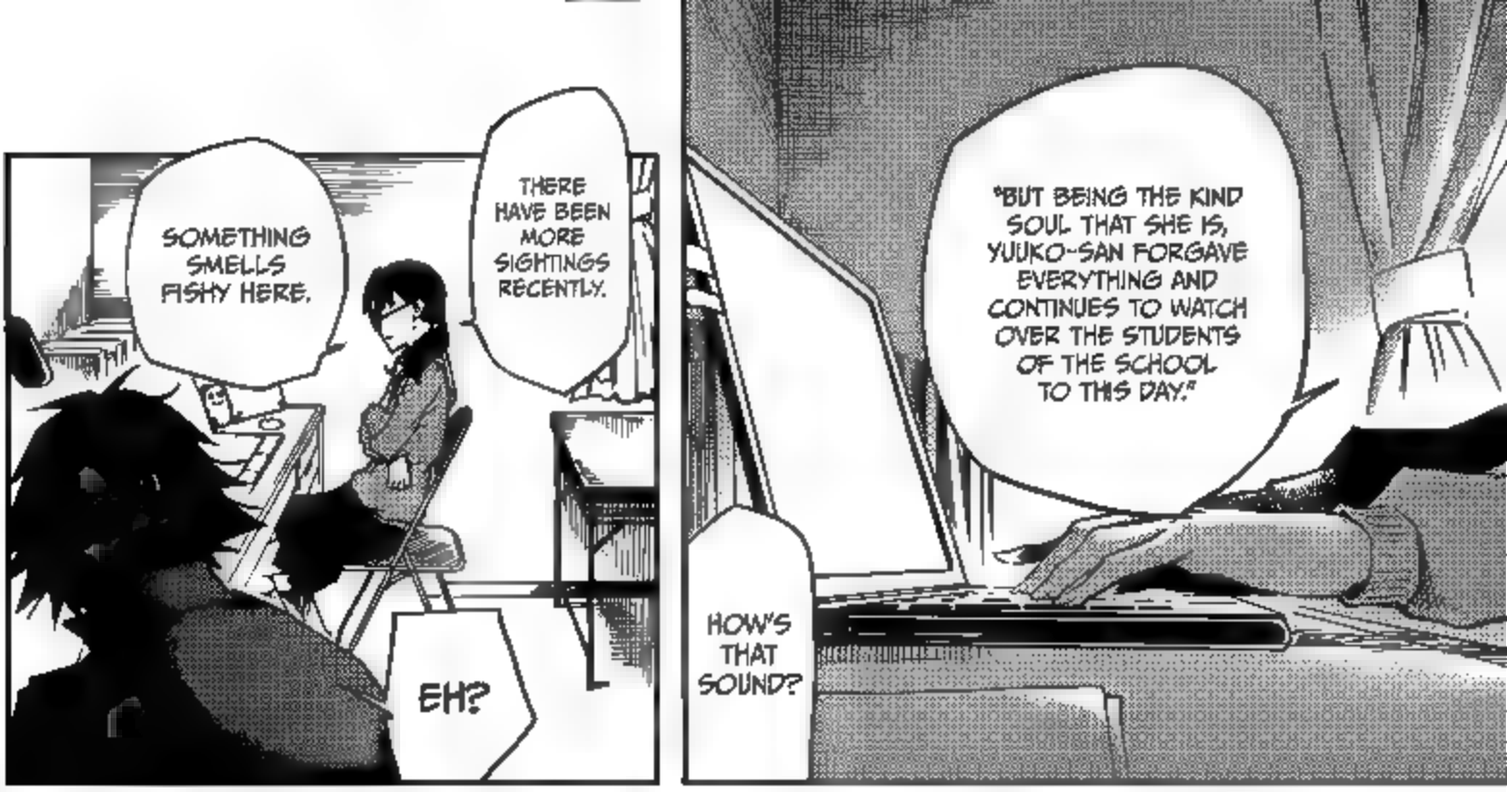
第三新聞部
"THE TRUTH ABOUT YUUKO -SAN"
"THE LAND THIS SCHOOL WAS BUILT ON WAS ONCE HIT BY A TERRIBLE PLAGUE"
"AND YUUKO-SAN WAS THE GIRL WHO WAS SACRIFICED TO THE GODS, ■ ORDER TO STOP THE PLAGUE..."


"BUT BEING THE KIND SOUL THAT SHE IS, YUUKO-SAN FORGAVE EVERYTHING AND CONTINUES TO WATCH OVER THE STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL TO THIS DAY."
HOW'S THAT SOUND?
THERE HAVE BEEN MORE SIGHTINGS RECENTLY.
SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY HERE.
EH?

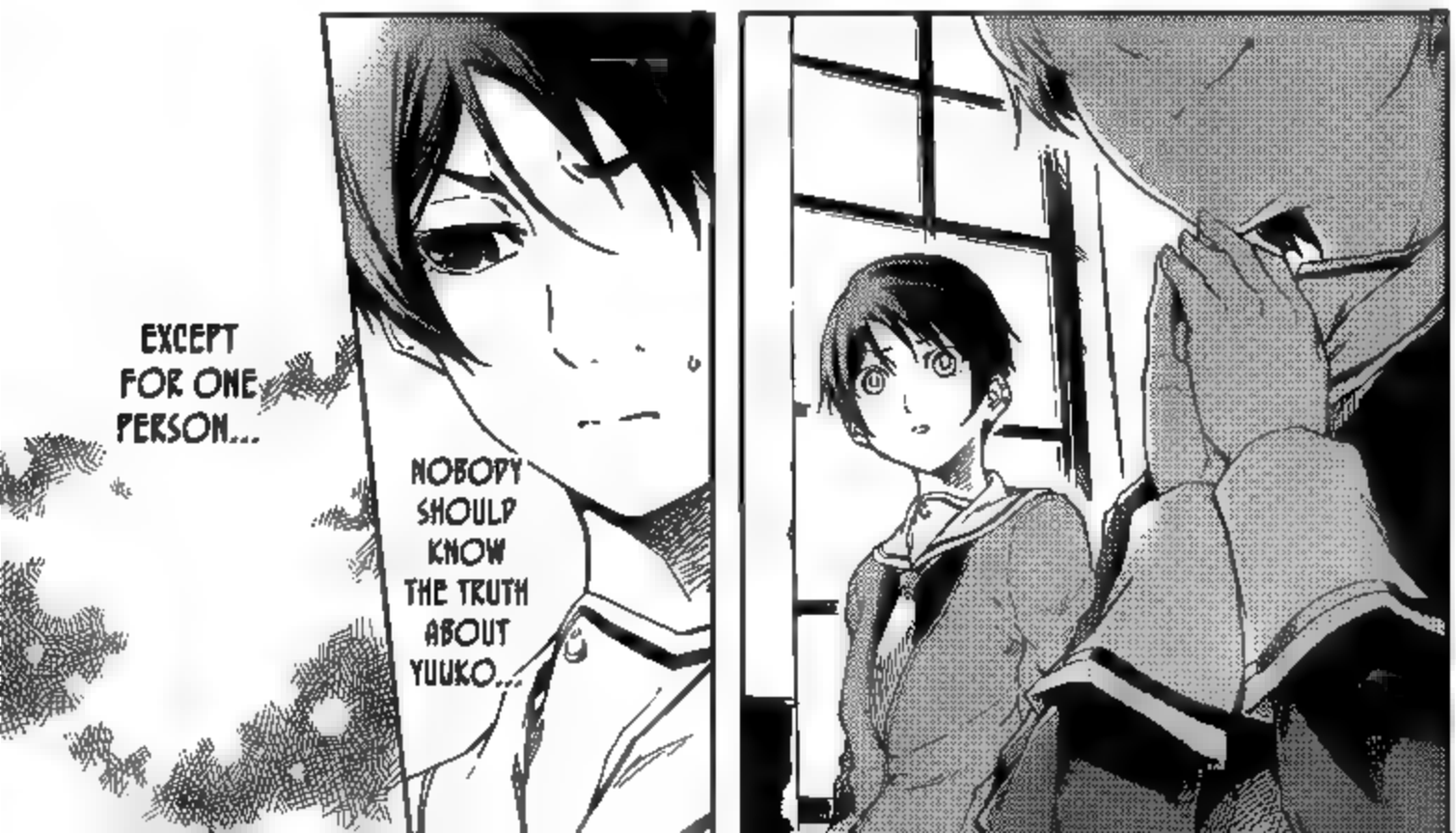
ALL THE RECENT SIGHTINGS AND RUMORS STARTING UP AGAIN...
THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY THE RUMORS HAVE SUDDENLY CHANGED.

THE RUMORS THAT SHE DISAPPEARED WERE TRIGGERED BY THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, BUT
I WONDER WHAT'S STARTED THE NEW BOUT OF RUMORS THAT SHE'S RETURNED...
I THINK SOMEONE IS STARTING THESE RUMORS...
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHO...

BUT AREN'T YOU JUST GOING TO BE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION HERE NEXT YEAR, SENPAI?
YOU STUPID HEAD!
DON'T DISTURB MY SENTI-MENTAL MOMENT!!
SO I'LL BE LEAVING THE STORY LIKE THIS WHEN I GRADUATE SOON, HUH? IT'S KIND OF FRUSTRATING...
WELL... I THINK MORE THAN JUST A FEW PEOPLE WILL BE SAD.
Eh... About me graduating?
I'M TALKING ABOUT YUUKO-SAN.
WELL... YOU COULD BE RIGHT.
SHE'S BEEN HERE IN THE SCHOOL ALL ALONG AFTER ALL.
HAVING SOMETHING FAMILIAR SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR IS KIND OF SAD AFTER ALL.

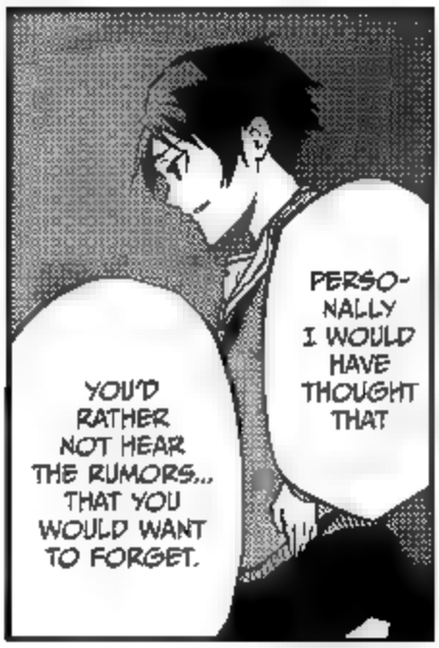
KIRIE -SAN!!!
Hm?
OKO-NOGI?
IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE SINCE THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED
AND WE STOPPED HEARING RUMORS ABOUT YUUKO-SAN
BUT THEY'VE STARTED UP AGAIN RECENTLY!!
COULD THIS MEAN...
THAT YUUKO-SAN HAS MOVED FROM THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING INTO THE NEW ONE!?

"THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SEVEN MYSTERIES"
THIS NEW STORY FEELS KIND OF DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ONES.
IT FEELS KIND OF SOFT AND FUZZY...
IT GIVES YUUKO-SAN A NEW KIND OF IMAGE!!


EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON...
NOBODY SHOULD KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT YUUKO...

YOU'RE THE ONE
THAT'S BEEN GOING AROUND SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT YUUKO, RIGHT?

IT WAS
KIND OF LONELY...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NEVER EVEN
EXISTED.

I'LL
ADMIT
I DID
THINK THAT
FOR A
WHILE...

WELL
THAT'S
TRUE
TOO...

AND...
SOMETIMES
I THINK...

BUT I
GUESS
THAT
SOMEONE
WOULD
REMEMBER
THE YUUKO
-SAN THAT
I KNEW...
■ THE
END, I'M STILL
HOPING THAT
SOMEONE WILL
STILL REMEMBER
HER, EVEN IF
JUST A LITTLE...

THAT YUUKO-SAN
IS ACTUALLY STILL SOMEWHERE HERE IN THIS SCHOOL.
HUH...?
HAHA...
ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS...?
YOU'VE GOT WAY MORE REGRETS ABOUT THIS THAN I EVER EXPECTED YOU WOULD!
YEAH... IT'S A REGRET...

I'M YUUKO-SAN'S FINAL REGRET!!
WHA...!?
What's with that confidence...
SEEING YOU LIKE THIS
MAKES ME FEEL REALLY SORRY FOR YOU...

HEY NIIYA, COME BACK!
COME BACK TO REALITY!!
IT'S DANGEROUS THERE!!

AT THE VERY END... YUUKO-SAN TOLD ME THAT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE ALONE.

SHE'D ALWAYS BEEN ALL ALONE IN THE 60 YEARS SINCE SHE DIED.
I'M SURE THAT LAST REGRET OF HERS IS STILL TRAPPED HERE IN THIS SCHOOL.
BUT RIGHT NOW SHE'S LOST HER FORM
BECAUSE THE SEVEN MYSTERIES OF THE SCHOOL LOST THEIR FOUNDATION WHEN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WAS KNOCKED DOWN...
NIIYA... YOU'RE...

I'M SURE THAT WHEN SHE HEARS THE NEW RUMORS FLOATING AROUND THE SCHOOL...
SHE'LL DEFI-NITELY
COME BACK TO US.
THAT'S WHY I'M STARTING NEW RUMORS ABOUT HER.
THEY'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT STORIES... THEY'RE THE STORIES OF THE YUUKO-SAN THAT I KNOW.
AND HOPEFULLY THESE NEW STORIES WILL GIVE YUUKO-SAN A NEW FORM...
I'M TRYING TO HAVE NEW STORIES REACH YUUKO-SAN.

AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES... I'LL FIND HER AGAIN.
2-A
四方山八百万新聞
Tsuko-san's moved into the new school building!?
2-A
OH, NIIYA! WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN THIS YEAR!
AH... YEAH!

I WROTE A SUMMARY ABOUT YUUKO-SAN FOR ALL THE NEW STUDENTS THIS YEAR!

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF EVER JOINING!
NO!!
DID YOU JOIN THE NEWSPAPER CLUB AS WELL, KIRIE-SAN?
HUH...?

LET US KNOW WHENEVER YOU WANT TO RESTART THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB, OKAY?
WE'LL GIVE YOU OUR FULL SUPPORT AGAIN WHEN THAT TIME COMES!!
AH... NIIYA -SAN!

AND THE SEVEN MYSTERIES ACTUALLY REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT HER PAST!
YEAH, I KNOW SHE'S THE GUARDIAN GODDESS OF THIS SCHOOL, ISN'T SHE?
WHAT... THERE'S NO WAY GHOSTS REALLY EXIST.
APPARENTLY THE STORIES ARE JUST AS OLD AS THIS SCHOOL...

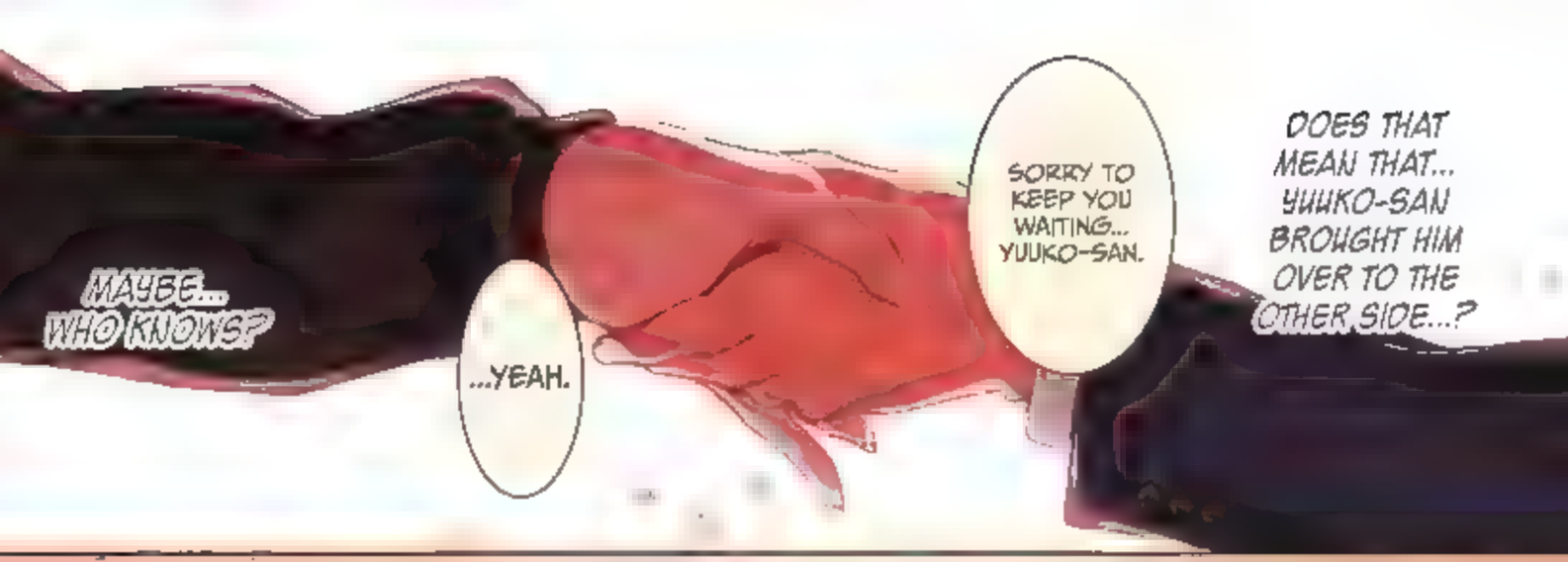
...YOU KNOW...
THAT STORY ABOUT YUUKO -SAN...?
YEAH, BUT SHE DISAPPEARED WHEN THAT PLACE WAS KNOCKED DOWN, RIGHT?
APPARENTLY SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN ■ THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, EVER SINCE THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT.
I'D HEARD THAT STORY AS WELL, BUT THE TRUTH IS...
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE... WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO KEEP HER COMPANY...

APPARENTLY SHE FOUND SOMEONE TO KEEP HER COMPANY.
EH...?
I HEARD IT'S A GUY THAT FELL IN LOVE WITH HER
AND SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM AS WELL
SO THEY SWORE TO BE TOGETHER.
THERE ARE NEW RUMORS GOING AROUND...?
IT CAN'T BE...
BUT... A GHOST AND A LIVING PERSON? HOW WOULD THAT WORK?
DON'T THOSE STORIES USUALLY END WITH...

YEAH, THIS ONE'S LIKE THAT TOO...
THAT BOY, APPARENTLY HE...

DISAPPEARS FROM THE SCHOOL FOREVER, ALONG WITH YUUKO-SAN...

YOU...
FOUND ME AGAIN.



THIS STORY... IS THE SEVENTH MYSTERY OF THIS SCHOOL.

Teiichi and Yuuko are now together forever... Next chapter will be the epilogue!!

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I WONDER WHY NOBODY SITS IN THAT SEAT AT THE BACK?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... MAYBE IT'S JUST A SPARE SEAT?
I'VE HEARD THAT THAT'S ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE "YUUKO-SAN'S SEAT"!!
I GUESS WE WERE HAVING CLASS WITH YUUKO-SAN ALL ALONG.

GOOD MORNING
YUUKO -SAN.

黄昏乃女×アムネジア

Dusk maiden of Amnesia

Slit-mouthed Woman (1)

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電子書籍版も好評配信中!!
詳しくは『ガンスマ』で検索!!

YUUKO -SAN CAME BACK.
GOOD MORNING, TEIICHI-KUN.
BUT AS USUAL NOBODY ELSE CAN SEE HER.
But I really am here-
HAHAHA... SORRY.
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE SHE'S ACTUALLY THERE...
HEY NIIYA.. THAT'S NOT FUNNY...

LAUGHING WITH ME.
BUT SHE IS DEFI-NITELY HERE
YUUKO-SAN IS STILL HERE IN THIS WORLD.

HEY TEIICHI -KUN!
TEIICHI -KUN!

SMILE

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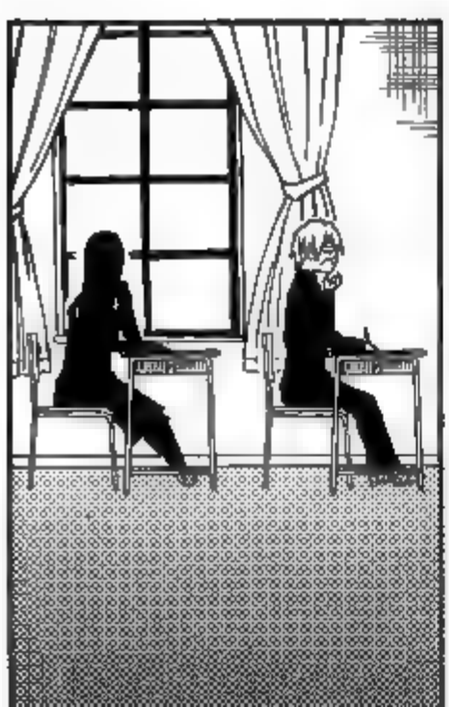
Ah...



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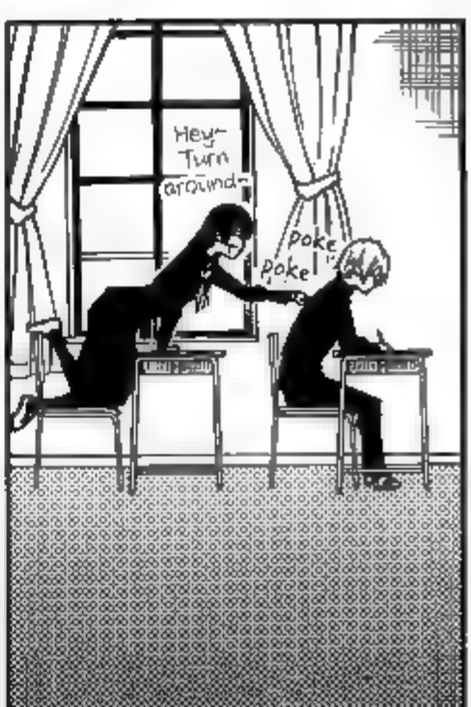
Hey~ Turn around~
Poke Poke!

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YUUKO -SAN...?
OH MY GOD!
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND!?
THAT CAME FROM YUUKO -SAN'S DESK, DIDN'T IT!?
EVERYONE'S STARING AT ME...
IT'S SO EM-BARRASSING...

2ND YEAR CLASSES REALLY ARE BORING AFTER ALL!
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YOU ENDED UP FALLING ASLEEP THOUGH.
THAT'S BECAUSE...
EVERYTHING IS FUN AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU STILL SIT IN ON MY CLASSES EVERY DAY...
That's a different matter altogether!
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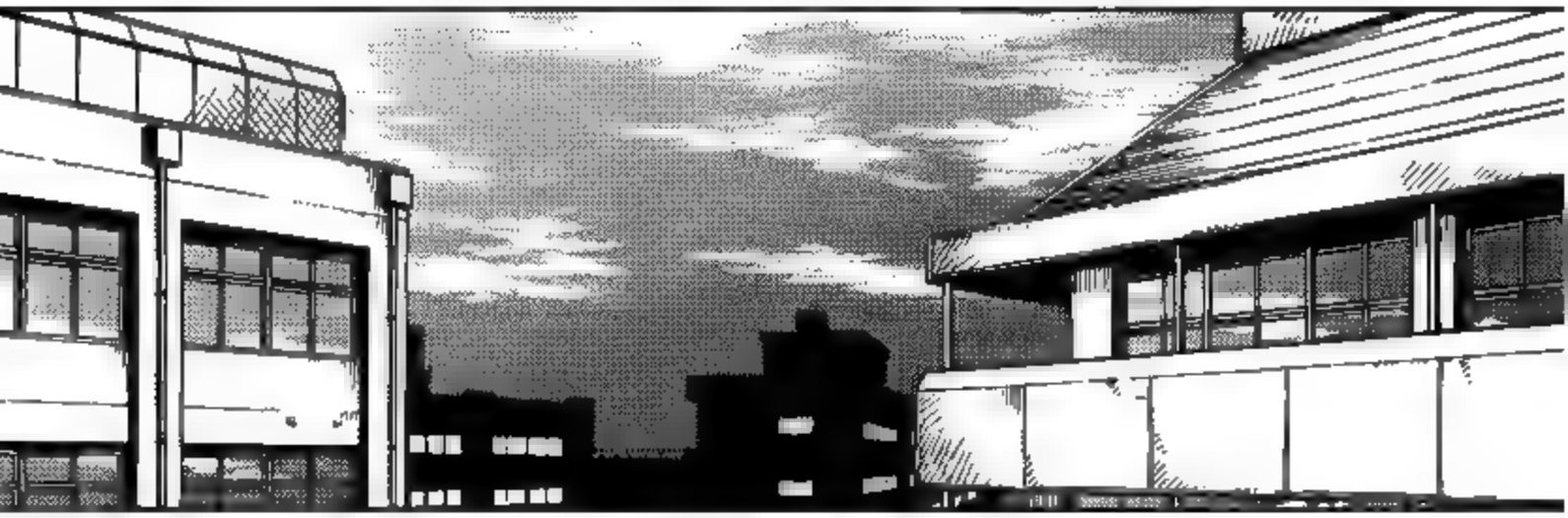
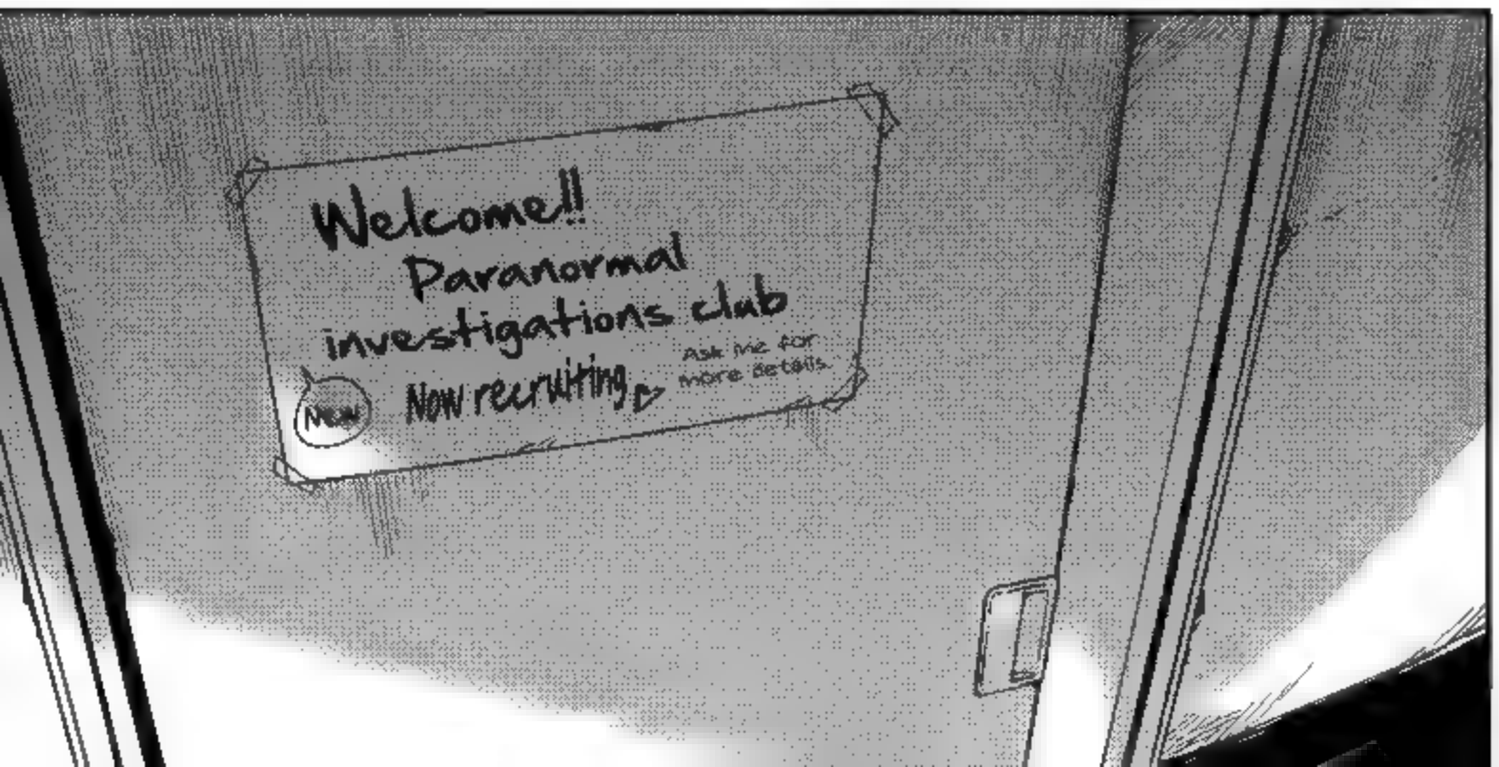
?
HEY YUUKO-SAN! I CAN'T WALK PROPERLY...

THINGS ARE FINE THIS WAY, AREN'T THEY?
THIS IS WHAT I CAME BACK FOR AFTER ALL.

黄昏乙女×アムネジア

WHO KNOWS?
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE...?
WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING FUN THAT WE CAN ONLY DO TOGETHER!
BUT NOW THAT I'M BACK AGAIN
I GUESS... SO.



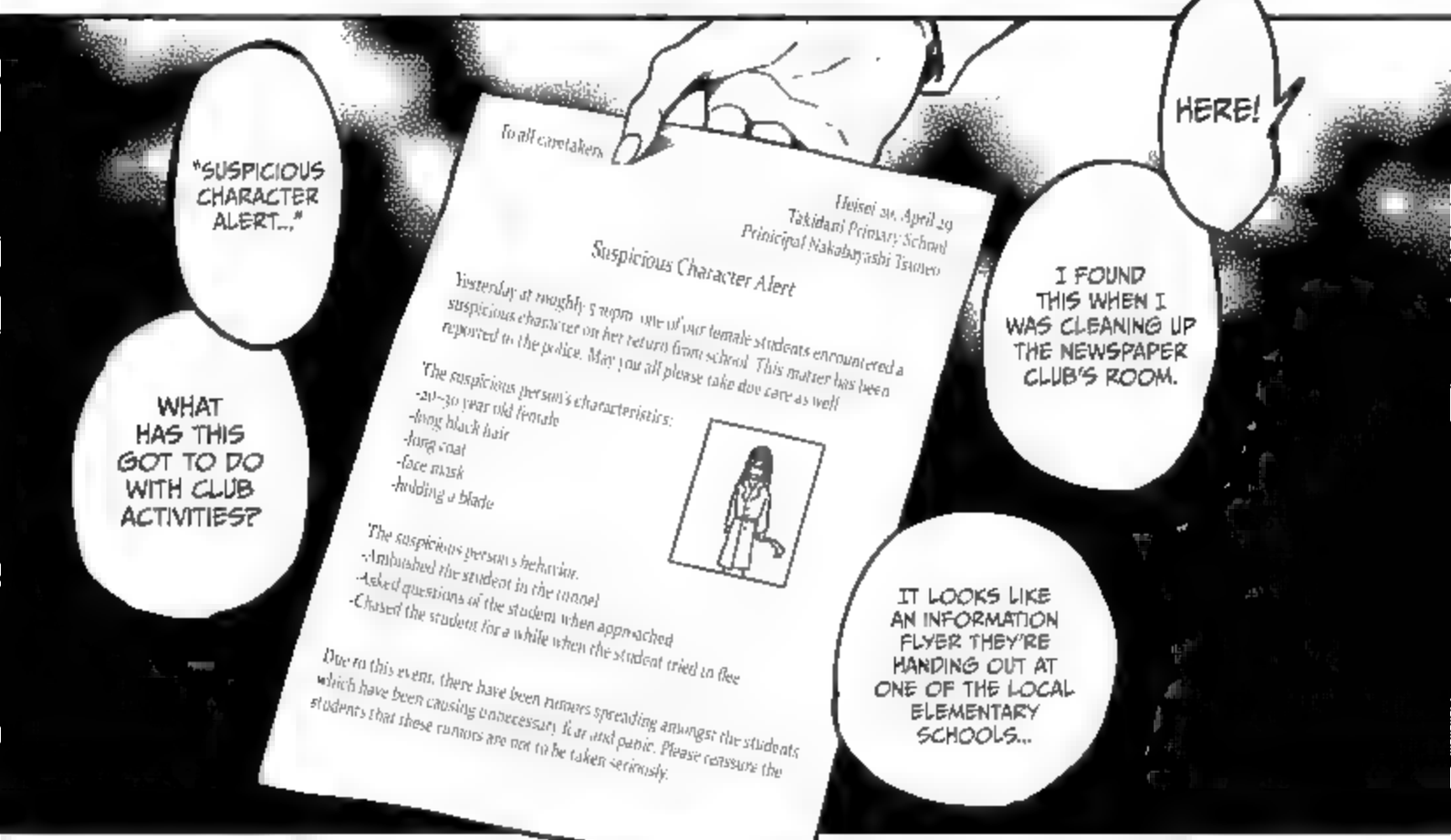

Welcome!!
Paranormal investigations club
NEW
Now recruiting
Ask me for more details.

LOOK NIIYA-SAN~
PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB
CURRENTLY SEEKING INVESTIGATION REQUESTS AND RECRUITING NEW CLUB MEMBERS!!
WE DEAL WITH ANYTHING FROM CURSES TO POSESSIONS!
My charm will crush your heart~
The beautiful exorcist Kanoe Kirie will tear apart the darkness!!
THE TRUTH IS, I WAS SECRETLY MAKING AN ADVERTISEMENT POSTER FOR THE CLUB!!
THAT'S JUST AMAZING...
I KNOW IT'S ALREADY BEEN A MONTH SINCE SCHOOL STARTED, BUT I'M SURE WE'LL GET HEAPS OF REQUESTS AND NEW CLUB MEMBERS WITH THESE POSTERS!!

YUUKO-SAN IS BACK NOW AS WELL, SO WE CAN RESTART CLUB ACTIVITIES!
BY THE WAY, TODAY'S OFFERING FOR YUUKO -SAN IS A CANE SUGAR MANJU...
AH!
THE OFFERING HAS DISAPPEARED!?
When did that happen!?
NOM
NOM
Hmm not bad...

OI...
WELL WE'VE ALREADY SOLVED THE SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES
SO WE'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON.
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS!?
KIRIE -SAN!!
Haa
Haa
AH!
I GOT OKIURA-SENPAI TO HELP WITH THE POSTERS AS WELL!
HE DID THE DRAWING FOR US! YOU LOOK SO COOL IN THE POSTER DON'T YOU THINK?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!

OI!!
NOW EVERYONE'S FINALLY HERE, SO WHY DON'T WE DISCUSS OUR NEW CLUB ACTIVITIES?
HMPH


"SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER ALERT..."
WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES?
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Heisei 30, April 29
Takidani Primary School
Principal Nakabayashi Tsuneo
Suspicious Character Alert
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Due to this event, there have been rumors spreading amongst the students which have been causing unnecessary fear and panic. Please reassure the students that these rumors are not to be taken seriously.
HERE!
I FOUND THIS WHEN I WAS CLEANING UP THE NEWSPAPER CLUB'S ROOM.
IT LOOKS LIKE AN INFORMATION FLYER THEY'RE HANDING OUT AT ONE OF THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS...

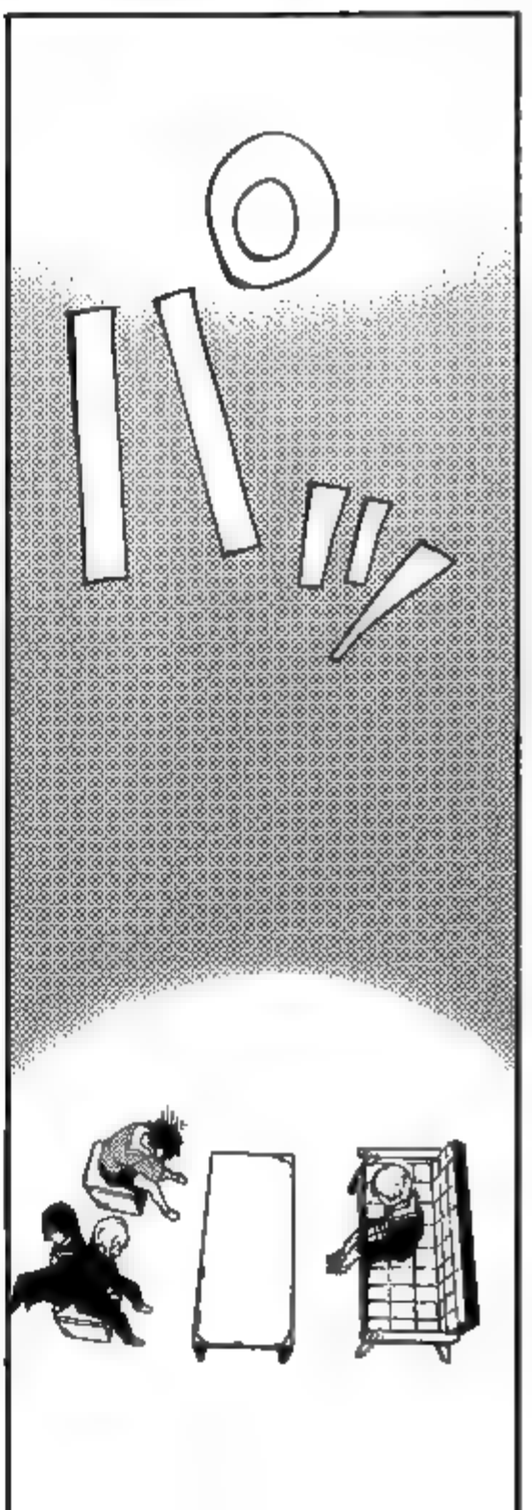
THIS IS HOW THE STORY GOES...
NEW STORIES ALWAYS POP UP LIKE THIS YOU KNOW!
EVERY-THING!

APPARENTLY AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER SAW A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING WOMAN IN THE TUNNEL ON HER WAY HOME.
THE WEATHER WAS QUITE WARM, BUT FOR SOME REASON THE WOMAN WAS WEARING A LONG COAT AND A FACE MASK...
THE STUDENT FOUND HER QUITE DISTURBING AND ATTEMPTED TO PASS BY QUICKLY
WHEN THE WOMAN SLOWLY APPROACHED HER...
AND SAID
AM I...
PRETTY!?
ISN'T THAT THE STORY OF THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN!?
I'VE HEARD THIS STORY MANY TIMES AS WELL.
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE STORY!
STUFF LIKE, SHE'LL RUN AWAY IF YOU SAY "POMADE" TO HER
OR STORIES THAT SHE EITHER LIKES OR HATES HARD CANDY...

THE STORY SAYS THE GIRL RAN AWAY WITHOUT A WORD.
BUT WHEN SHE WENT HOME AND LOOKED IN THE MIRROR, THERE WAS A CUT ON HER CHEEK...
WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO HER IF SHE REPLIED...

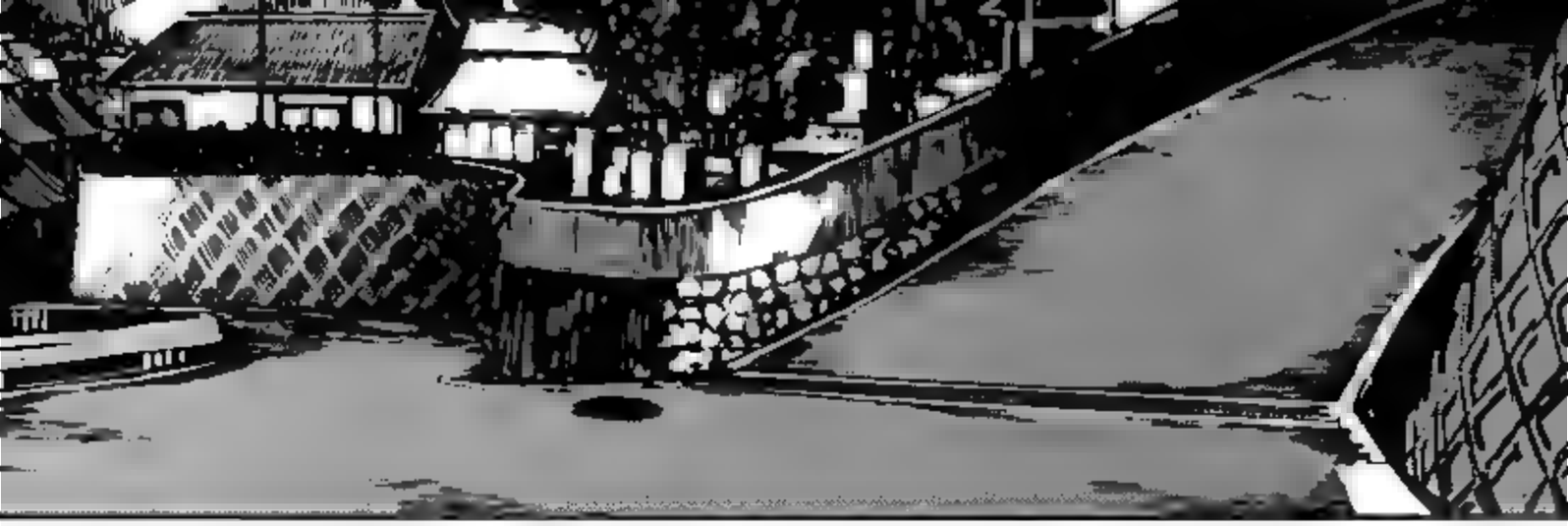
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS IT SCARY?
I THINK IT'S A GREAT FIRST JOB FOR THE NEW AND IMPROVED PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB!

WOULDN'T WE HAVE TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR THAT?
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO HAVE TO DO CLUB STUFF WHEN I'M NOT AT SCHOOL...



LET'S LOOK INTO THIS STORY.
WHY DON'T WE DO IT?
THEN WHY DON'T WE GET A MOVE ON STRAIGHT AWAY?
EEH...

YUUKO -SAN.
LET'S GO
YEAH!
怪異調査



THIS IS THE TUNNEL WHERE THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN IS SUPPOSED TO BE.

IT'S A BIT STRANGE THAT SOMEONE WOULD GO THROUGH A PLACE WITH THIS KIND OF ATMOSPHERE EVERY DAY ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL~
IT SEEMS LIKE NOT MANY KIDS USE THIS ROUTE ANY MORE.
IT'S NOT REALLY THAT SCARY CAUSE YOU CAN SEE THE OTHER END...
WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU STAY THERE...

HEY!!
HEY
ISN'T THERE SOMEONE THERE?
EH!?

WHAT IS IT...?
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU ALL THINKING... SUDDENLY CALLING OUT TO HER LIKE THAT!?
SORRY IF WE FRIGHTENED YOU... WE WERE JUST WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING HERE.
THIS TUNNEL IS DANGEROUS, YOU KNOW? KUCHISAKE-ONNA APPEARS HERE, YOU KNOW?
.....
I KNOW.
THAT CAMERA YOU'VE GOT THERE... ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN?
YEAH...
AREN'T YOU SCARED...?
Nikon
COOLPIX

IF I DON'T DO THIS THEN...
I'M SCARED, BUT
I AM...
?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HER AS WELL?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR HER AS WELL...
YEAH.
THEN ...

I TOLD YOU THAT SHE DOESN'T EXIST, DIDN'T I!?

SISTER ...?
YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN TROUBLE FOR DOING STUFF LIKE THIS, DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE FROM OUR SCHOOL TOO, AREN'T YOU? WHY DID YOU FOLLOW US HERE?
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I'M A FIRST YEAR, TAKIOKA AKIHO!
I HAVE A REQUEST FOR THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB.
PLEASE PROVE THAT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN DOESN'T EXIST!!
異調査部
次号、最終回センターカラー!!
TO BE CONTINUED...

Center color for the final chapter!!
闇唇の女×アムネジア
Dark maiden of Amnesia
シャー…
THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN HUH...?
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS HAS TURNED INTO A PRETTY BIG DEAL...
HOW ON EARTH ARE WE SUPPOSED TO PROVE THAT SHE DOESN'T EXIST?
BUT MAYBE SHE ACTUALLY DOES EXIST?
THAT WOULD MAKE THINGS MUCH EASIER. ALL WE'D HAVE TO DO IS FIND PROOF TH...
WHA...!?
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最終回センターカラー!!
学校の怪談はハッピーエンドで!
コミックス完結⑩巻 11/22 発売予定!!
黄昏乙女×アムネジア
Dusk maiden of Amnesia
Slit-mouthed Woman (2)
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ご愛読感謝!! 大人気学園怪異譚、ここに完結!!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME...!
AH!
WAIT UP, TEIICHI -KUN!
EH!? WAWA..!
THANKS FOR HAVING ME~♥
YUUKO -SAN!?
WHY ARE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!? WAIT... WHY ARE YOU IN MY HOUSE!?
YOU HAVE TO SOAK AND WARM YOURSELF IN THE BATH BEFORE YOU GET OUT, YOU KNOW?
OKAY...

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HERE... HAVE SOME TEA.
トン!!
Thanks~♥
SO...
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WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
TEIICHI'S ROOM

WELL...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME SEE YOUR HOUSE...
SO I THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THE CHANCE NOW THAT I CAN ACTUALLY LEAVE THE SCHOOL!
ON THAT NOTE...
PLEASE CONTINUE TO LOOK AFTER ME FROM NOW ON
O-OKAY...
WAIT...!
TEACHER'S ROOM
YUP-♥
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE INTENDING TO STAY IN MY ROOM FROM NOW ON!?

AM I
BEING A BOTHER...?
I DON'T REALLY MIND...
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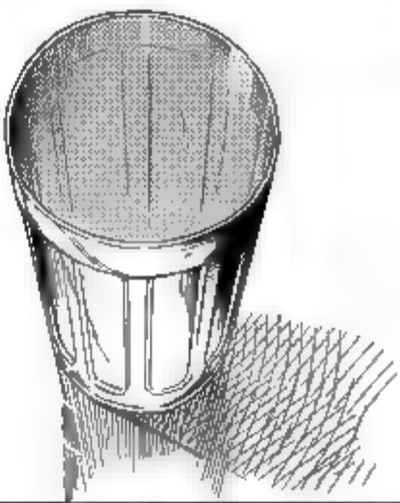
BUT MAKE SURE
YOU DON'T MISBEHAVE, OKAY?
YAY!



BY THE WAY, WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT BEFORE... WHEN YOU SAID THAT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN

MIGHT ACTUALLY EXIST?

IF SHE REALLY BELIEVES THAT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN EXISTS
THEN IT REALLY WILL EXIST IN HER MIND
AND SHE'LL SEE IT WHETHER IT REALLY EXISTS OR NOT.
HMM...?
I'M JUST SAYING IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO BELIEVE WHAT SHE SAYS.
BUT WE CAN THINK ABOUT THAT MORE TOMORROW. LET'S GO TO BED.
YOU'RE RIGHT...

GOOD AFTERNOON...
ガラッ
W-WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, NIIYA!?
I... DIDN'T SLEEP VERY WELL YESTERDAY NIGHT...
TAKIOKA -SAN...!

...SO I'D LIKE TO FORMALLY REQUEST THAT YOU PROVE THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN DOES NOT EXIST.

...?
THEY'VE BEEN DIS-TRIBUTING THIS AT MY SISTER'S SCHOOL RECENTLY.

THAT'S THE
FLYER ABOUT THE SLIT MOUTHED WOMAN!?
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KOGIKU MADE UP THIS LIE THAT SHE SAW THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN
AND HAS BEEN GOING AROUND TELLING EVERYONE, AND IT'S BEEN BLOWN UP TO THIS EXTENT...
THE "STUDENT WHO SAW THE SUSPICIOUS PERSON"
IS MY SISTER, KOGIKU.
...?
ARE YOU TESTING ME OUT HERE?
DO YOU THINK THAT MAYBE
SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE SEEN IT...?
I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM, BUT...

BELIEVING IN GHOST STORIES EVEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...?
THAT'S JUST STUPID.
THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB IS HERE TO EXPOSE THOSE LIES, ISN'T IT?

MY SISTER HAS ALWAYS STUCK TO ME LIKE GLUE. BUT BECAUSE OF THAT SHE STILL ACTS LIKE A SPOILED KID...

SHE'D SAY STUFF LIKE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL BY HERSELF, AND THAT THE TUNNEL ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL WAS SCARY.
SHE KEPT ACTING LIKE THAT EVEN THOUGH I GRADUATED AND STARTED MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THAT TUNNEL ■ ACTUALLY KIND OF CREEPY THOUGH.
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT

OH-HO... ...YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, ARENTCHA?
Fufu
KIRIE -SAN...!?

!!
!!
THAT TUNNEL...
IS JUST A LITTLE DARK!!

FEAR... IS JUST A STUPID BASE INSTINCT.
ONLY BY CONQUERING YOUR FEAR... CAN YOU BECOME AN ADULT.

SO ONCE AGAIN, FOR MY SISTER...
PLEASE PROVE THAT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN DOES NOT EXIST.
...AND IF SHE KEEPS ON LYING LIKE THIS
KOGIKU WILL BE HURT AS WELL.
..."AS WELL"?

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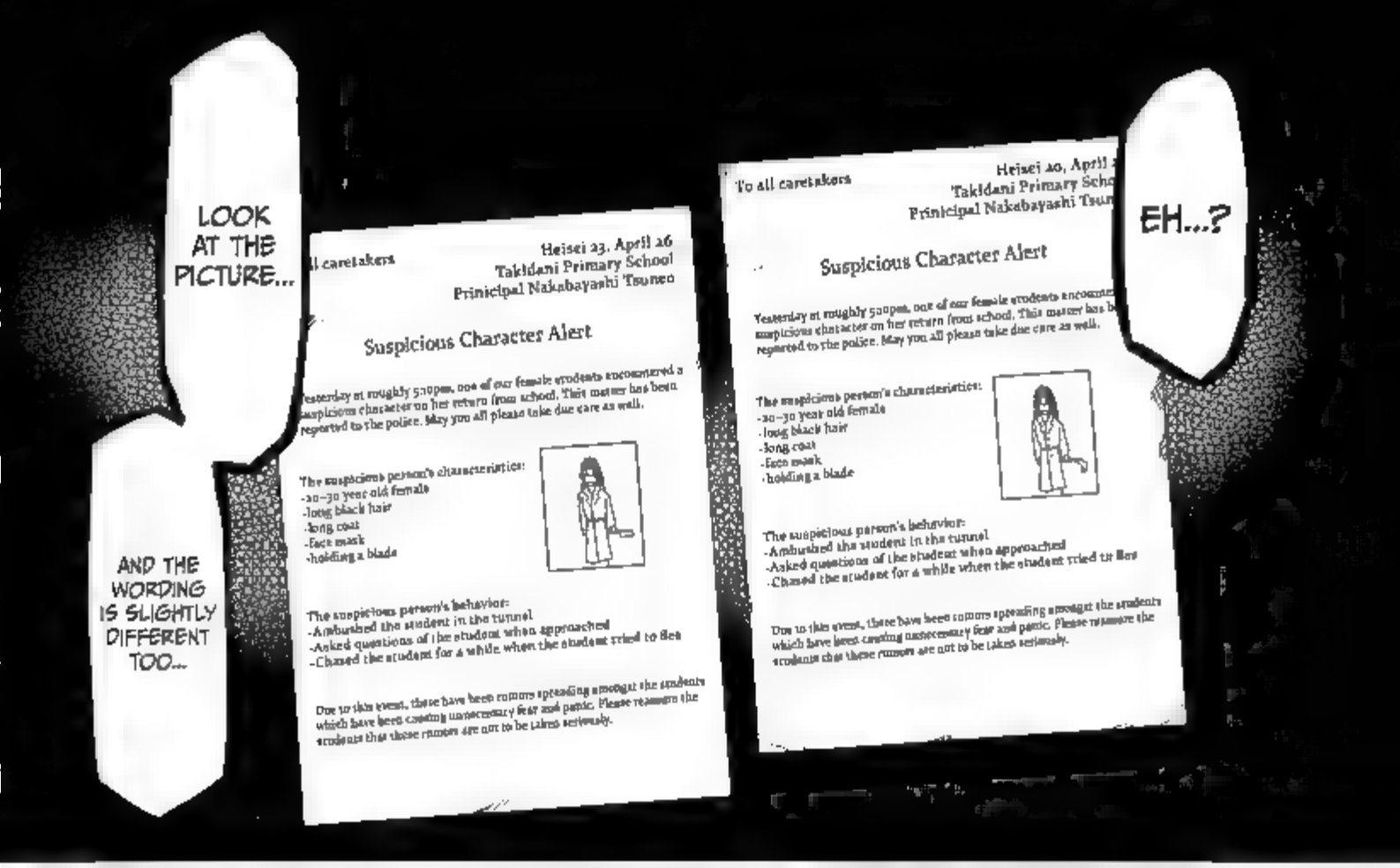
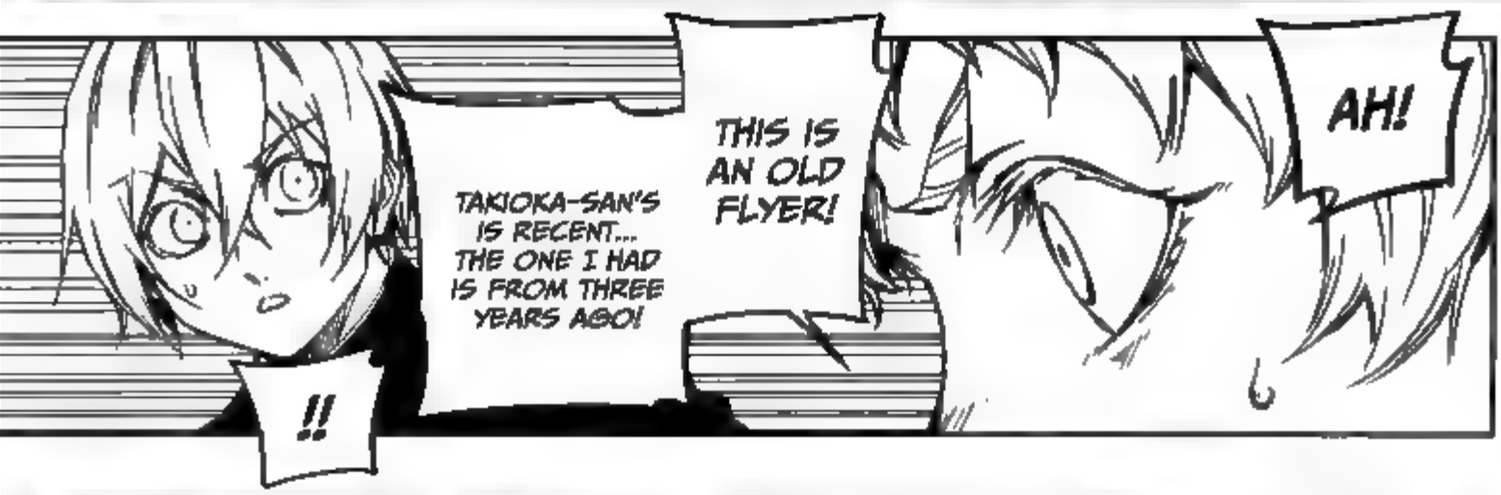
BUT ALSO REALLY REALISTIC
OR MAYBE JUST TOO UNAFRAID...?
SHE SEEMED LIKE SHE HAS A REALLY STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY...

SHE CAN PROBABLY TELL BECAUSE THEY'RE ALIKE, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHA...!!
...? WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
YOU'RE WRONG THERE. SHE'S ACTUALLY QUITE SCARED HERSELF.
IT FEELS LIKE
SHE'S TRYING REALLY HARD TO BE STRONG AND STAND UP AGAINST SOMETHING.
BUT SHE'S TRYING SO HARD, THAT SHE'S LOST SIGHT OF HOW THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE AROUND HER FEEL.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THIS FLYER IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE I GOT LAST TIME...
HM? THIS FLYER'S...


LOOK AT THE PICTURE...
AND THE WORDING IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TOO...
Heisei 23, April 26
Takidani Primary School
Principal Nakabayashi Tsuneo
Suspicious Character Alert
Yesterday at roughly 5:10pm, one of our female students encountered a suspicious character on her return from school. This matter has been reported to the police. May you all please take due care as well.
The suspicious person's characteristics:
-20–30 year old female
-long black hair
-long coat
-face mask
-holding a blade
The suspicious person's behavior:
-Ambushed the student in the tunnel
-Asked questions of the student when approached
-Chased the student for a while when the student tried to flee
Due to this event, there have been rumors spreading amongst the students which have been causing unnecessary fear and panic. Please reassure the students that these rumors are not to be taken seriously.
EH...?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TAKIOKA-SAN'S IS RECENT... THE ONE I HAD IS FROM THREE YEARS AGO!
THIS IS AN OLD FLYER!
AH!

DOES THIS MEAN THAT THERE WAS A COMMOTION ABOUT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN IN THE PAST AS WELL...?
YOU'RE RIGHT... I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE HAVING FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
I'M PRETTY SURE WE'RE HAVING SALISBURY STEAK...
DINNER?
HEY TEIICHI -KUN!
YES?
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Really!?
Then get a big serving for me, okay!?
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I HAVE TO MAKE SURE TO REMEMBER THE TASTE AS WELL.
YEAH!
EH... ARE YOU GOING TO BE EATING AS WELL!?
OH, KIRIE-SAN.
CAN I HAVE A MOMENT?
HEY NIIYA

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE ACTING RATHER FORMAL...

THE MATTER WITH MY GRANDMA IS SETTLED NOW...
WHICH MEANS THAT MY DUTY TO PROTECT THE SCHOOL'S PEACE IS PROBABLY COMING TO AN END AS WELL.

R-REALLY?
YEAH...

I'M THINKING OF WASHING MY HANDS OF THIS OCCULT BUSINESS AFTER THIS CASE IS RESOLVED.
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I THINK SHE'S SAYING SHE'S GOING TO QUIT THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB?
D-DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO SAY?
whisper
whisper
WHO KNOWS ...?
DO YOU THINK THAT POSTER WAS REALLY THAT MUCH OF A SHOCK?
OKO-NOGI -SAN...?
NIIYA-SAN! KIRIE-SAN!
D-D
OH, HERE YOU ARE!
I ASKED A FEW PEOPLE AT THE SCHOOL WHERE THEY WERE HANDING OUT THESE FLYERS...
I WAS INVESTIGATING THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN CASE AND DISCOVERED SOMETHING HUGE!
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IT TURNS OUT THAT THE STUDENT WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN THREE YEARS AGO...
WAS NONE OTHER THAN OUR OWN TAKIOKA AKIHO, WHO WAS STILL A STUDENT THERE AT THE TIME.

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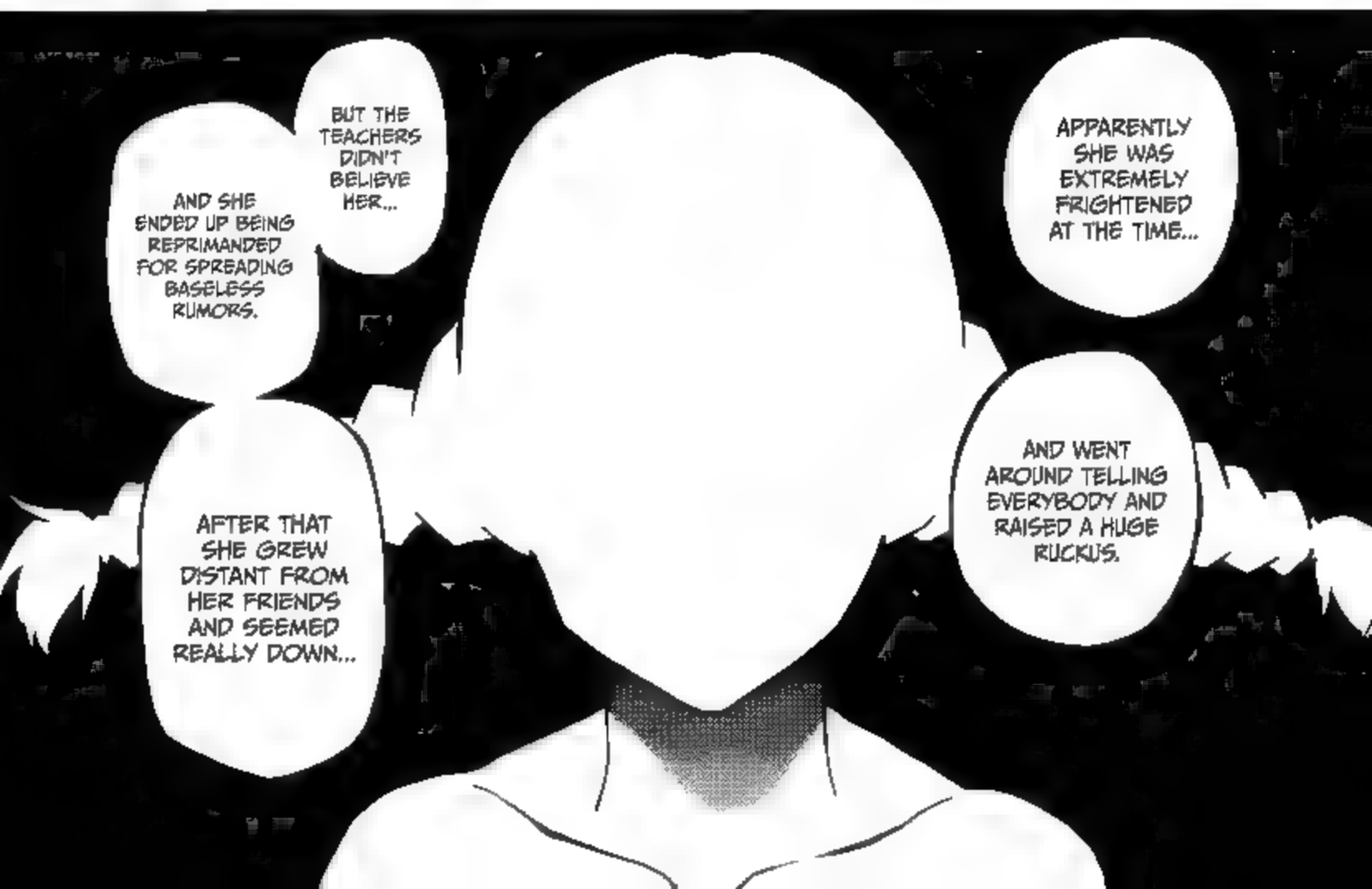
APPARENTLY SHE WAS EXTREMELY FRIGHTENED AT THE TIME...
BUT THE TEACHERS DIDN'T BELIEVE HER...
AND SHE ENDED UP BEING REPRIMANDED FOR SPREADING BASELESS RUMORS.
AND WENT AROUND TELLING EVERYBODY AND RAISED A HUGE RUCKUS.
AFTER THAT SHE GREW DISTANT FROM HER FRIENDS AND SEEMED REALLY DOWN...

SO BASICALLY, WHAT HAPPENED TO AKIHO-SAN THREE YEARS AGO
IS HAPPENING TO HER SISTER, KOGIKU-CHAN RIGHT NOW.
MAYBE SHE'D HEARD THE RUMORS FROM THREE YEARS AGO?
AND THE REASON SHE'S SO DESPERATE
IS THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT HER SISTER TO END UP THE SAME WAY?
BUT IF WE PROVE THAT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN DOESN'T EXIST LIKE WE'VE BEEN ASKED, THINGS WILL TURN OUT EXACTLY THE SAME AS THREE YEARS AGO...
WHICH MEANS THAT AKIHO-SAN KNOWS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN BUT WANTS HER SISTER TO "CONQUER HER FEAR".
UMM...
ISN'T EVERYONE GETTING A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF THEMSELVES?
DON'T YOU THINK...
THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN REALLY EXISTS?
AM I THE ONLY ONE HERE THAT ACTUALLY BELIEVES KOGIKU-CHAN!?
!?

I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL!!
YOU WERE SCARED, WEREN'T YOU? YOU FELT SOMETHING THERE, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT ABOUT YOU KIRIE-SAN?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD IF SHE COULD BELIEVE HER LITTLE SISTER.
BECAUSE THAT WOULD MEAN THEY SAW THE SAME THING
AND COULD FACE IT TOGETHER.
YUUKO -SAN...?
IT'S PRETTY HARD TO PROVE THAT SOMETHING "DOESN'T EXIST".
IT WOULD BE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND PROOF THAT SOMETHING "DOESN'T EXIST" IN ANY AND ALL TIMES AND CIRCUMSTANCES
BUT
IT IS POSSIBLE TO PROVE THAT SOMETHING "NO LONGER EXISTS".

LET'S GO BACK. THIS IS SCARY...
HEY, DID YOU REALLY SEE THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN HERE?
YEAH ...
DON'T WORRY. IT'LL BE FINE!

WILL EVERYTHING REALLY BE ALRIGHT?
CAN YOU REALLY PROVE THAT THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN DOESN'T EXIST...?
NO, WE CAN'T PROVE THAT... YET.
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT...!?
EH...?
WHY ARE WE HIDING HERE THEN...!?

THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN EXISTS.
AND YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
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YOU'VE SEEN IT BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
THAT FIGURE IN THE WHITE COAT
APPEARING OUT OF THE DARKNESS...
AND HER MOUTH, SLIT FROM EAR TO EA-...
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A FOOL!!
THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN DOESN'T EXIST!
THERE'S NO WAY SOMETHING LIKE THA...
AREN'T OTHER PEOPLE JUST FORCING YOU TO THINK SHE DOESN'T EXIST?

WHY ARE YOU GOING AROUND SPREADING LIES!?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT THAT EVERYONE'S SO SCARED NOW!
HE SLIT MOUTHED WOMAN DOESN'T EXIST... ALRIGHT!?
YOU'RE WRONG
THAT... WAS JUST A STUPID STORY I MADE UP AT THE TIME...

NO... YOU ACTUALLY SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU?
THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN REALLY EXISTED.
Hey- You were actually just making it all up, weren't you?
There's nothing here...
YOU WEREN'T LYING AT ALL.
YOU JUST WANTED PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FELT, DIDN'T YOU?
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JUST LIKE KOGIKU-CHAN DOES NOW...

KYAAAA!

AM I
FRIEND?
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ONEE
-CHAN...!?

KOGIKU... RUN!!
I REALLY AM SCARED AFTER ALL... BUT...
SHH
"PRETTY"... HUH?
I'D HAVE TO SAY AVERAGE.
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YOU'RE
KANOE KIRIE.
EXORCIST.

IN ORDER TO CONQUER YOUR FEAR...
YOU FIRST NEED TO UNDER-STAND IT
THEN DECIDE ON THE BEST WAY TO FACE IT.
THE MOST FOOLISH THING TO DO IS
IGNORE YOUR FEAR!
OH SHADOW-LESS SHADE LINGERING IN THIS WORLD...
THIS IS NOT YOUR PLACE!

DEPART FROM THIS WORLD AND RETURN TO THE VOID!!

BEGONE, EVIL SPIRIT.
AMAZ-ING...

WHICH EVENTUALLY GREW INTO THAT BY FEEDING ON YOUR SISTER'S FEAR.
THAT WAS ORIGINALLY JUST A HARM-LESS SPIRIT
KO-GIKU
ALWAYS SAID SHE WAS SCARED OF THIS TUNNEL...
WHEN I WAS YOUNGER
EVEN I WAS SCARED OF THIS TUNNEL
NO... I CHOSE TO PRETEND THAT NEVER HAPPENED.
BUT I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT ALL THAT.

KOGIKU
I'M SO SORRY...
AND WITH THIS
"THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN" IS NO MORE.

Y-YEAH!
You were so cool back there Kirie-san~ I always knew you had amazing spiritual powers!
WELL IT WAS SAD...
THAT THOSE TWO SISTERS COULDN'T GET ALONG...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
SINCE YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, HASN'T IT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT...
I'M SURE THEY'LL BE FINE FROM NOW ON...
THEY'LL BE ALRIGHT.
YOU'RE RIGHT... THANK YOU.

BY THE WAY TEIICHI-KUN
Am I
pretty?
He replied instantly!?
REALLY PRETTY.
GEEZ...
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いらっしゃいませ!!
怪異調査部
新 部員募集中
IT'S TIME FOR THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION CLUB'S COMEBACK PARTY!!
YAY!!
パーン!!
IT'S A BIT LATE, BUT WE'VE FINALLY FINISHED CLEANING UP THE NEW CLUBROOM, SO...
HUH!?
WHY ARE YOU TWO HERE, NISHIKAWA-SAN AND KAWATOU -SAN!?
Hmph
HUH...? AREN'T WE HAVING AN OKONOGI PARTY?
UMM...
OKO-NOGI -SENPAI
I FORGOT ABOUT THAT!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR THE THIRD NEWSPAPER CLUB'S NEXT ISSUE?
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THE CLUB EITHER...
Ehh...
Huh!?
WHY DON'T WE JUST MERGE WITH THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB?
MOMOE.. MAKE SURE YOU UPHOLD THE THIRD NEWSPAPER CLUB'S HISTORY AND TRADITION...

WE WERE THE OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB UNTIL RECENTLY, SO THIS SHOULD BE OKAY, SHOULDN'T IT?
THIS IS NOT OKAY AT ALL!!
KIHARA -SENPAI!
BUT THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS CLUB HAS A SECRET WEAPON FOR GETTING NEW CLUB MEMBERS YOU KNOW...
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THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOU WORK ON THE ILLUSTRATION FOR THIS POSTER OKIURA-SENPAI.
IT WAS NO BIG DEAL~
KANOE KIRIE IS HOT AT THE MOMENT!
I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS WONDERFUL POSTER!!
怪異調査部
Hehehe...
I ENJOY DRAWING UNIQUE PEOPLE!
AH!! WHEN DID THE GODDESS GET HERE?

LOTS OF FIRST YEARS HAVE BEEN COMING TO SEE KIRIE-SAN BECAUSE OF THAT POSTER!
FUFU... I'M SO POPULAR IT'S TROUBLING...
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO QUIT THE CLUB...?
AND SENPAI... YOU WERE SO COOL!
THE WORLD REALLY IS FILLED WITH MYSTERIOUS THINGS, ISN'T IT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
IF THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD THAT NEED ME HERE.
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO STAY
OH WELL...
I WONDER IF TAKIOKA-SAN WILL JOIN THE CLUB?
W-WHO KNOWS...?

...YUUKO
-SAN?

YUUKO
-SAN!?

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU!

WHERE IS THIS ...?
THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF OLD BUILDINGS IN THIS SCHOOL
AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM.

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WAIT HERE FOR A BIT OKAY?
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Thanks for waiting...
You can come in now.

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WHAT IS SHE DOING...?

ARE YOU SURPRISED? I FOUND THIS IN THE THEATRE CLUB'S ROOM...
BEFORE... I SAID I WANTED TO FIND
SOMETHING THAT WE COULD DO TOGETHER, DIDN'T I?
SORRY...
MAYBE I'M GETTING A BIT AHEAD OF MYSELF.
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I MEAN, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN SEE ME.
SO NO ONE WILL EVER GIVE US THEIR BLESSINGS...
BUT DESPITE ALL THAT YOU STILL STUCK WITH ME AND PUT UP WITH MY SELFISHNESS...
MAYBE I REALLY AM AN EVIL SPIRIT AFTER ALL... AN EVIL SPIRIT THAT HAS POSESSED YOU AND BRINGS YOU MISFORTUNE...
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I REALLY AM... JUST A BOTHER, AREN'T I...?

YOU'RE WRONG. I DON'T THINK THERE'S A SINGLE PERSON IN THIS WORLD
WHO WOULD MIND BEING POSSESSED BY A WONDERFUL GHOST LIKE YOU.
IT WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE ME... ANYONE WOULD FEEL THE SAME.
BUT...
I ONLY WANT YOU, TEIICHI-KUN!

ME TOO.
I'M GLAD
THAT YOU WERE
THE FIRST PERSON I FELL IN LOVE WITH.

Thank you, Teiichi-kun!!
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Let's
go to Heaven together!
Thanks for reading all this time!! Volume 10 will be on sale 11/22.
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